

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

People: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

People: **The kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

HYMN 'Take Up Thy Cross' No. 415 Vs. 1 & 4
(Sung to the tune 'Lord, Speak to Me' No. 463)

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, open our hearts and our wallets to be as generous with others as you are with us. Bless the gifts we offer to you, that they may be gifts of generous love for others. May we be generous givers of our time, talent, treasure, and service, that others may find in us generous and loving friends. In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

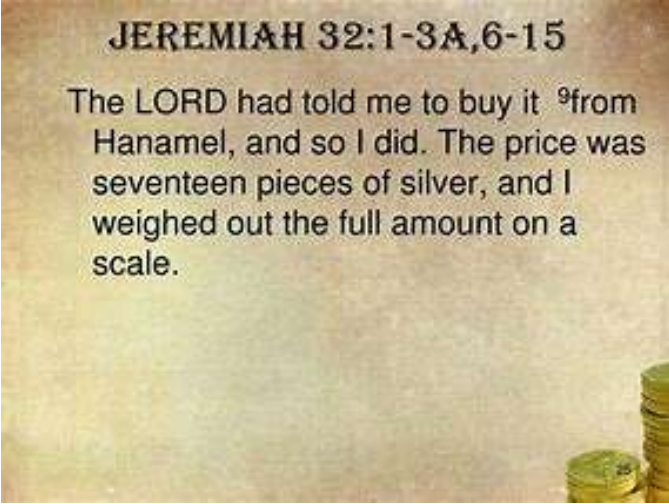
God be with you in the week ahead. In times of trouble, in times of joy, may God be your refuge and strength; may Christ be the foundation of your life.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Danish Amen' No 898
A-men, a-men, a – men.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'God of Grace and God of Glory' No. 577, Vs. 1 & 4

*POSTLUDE



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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
'Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus' No. 514

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sheltered by God,
People: we come now to worship.
Pastor: Invited by Christ,
People: we come now to pray.
Pastor: Welcomed by the Spirit,
People: we gather as the people of God.

OPENING PRAYER
Sheltering God, as we worship you this day, cover us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Gather us in the goodness of your grace, that we may experience your comforting presence and your powerful protection. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

INTROIT 'Precious Name' MAUMC Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER 'God Will Take Care of You' No.130 V. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 'God Will Take Care of You' No.130 V. 3

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears our minds, and our hearts.
People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE 'Thy Word' No. 601 (Refrain only)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 'Alleluia' No. 186
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: and also with you.
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Luke 16: 19-31

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE
Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON 'Hopelessness to Hopefulness' Pastor Russel Shuluga

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH United Methodist Social Affirmation

Pastor: We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.
People: We believe; God, help our unbelief.
Pastor: We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom; in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.
People: Glory be to God on high; and on earth, be peace.