

## CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has dealt wonderfully with us. We have what we need. Now we are called to share from our abundance to support the work of God through this church. May we give gladly, however great or small, to thank God for our call to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

### THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY 'Vater Unser Im Himmelreich' Krieger

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God, we are so grateful that you name and claim us as your beloved ones. We thank you with all our hearts for the cleansing rain in our souls. And so, we offer you what we have: our resources, our time, our energy, our very selves for your ministry in the world. Amen.**

## CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

### \*BENEDICTION

Go forth to proclaim the goodness of God. Go forth to spread God's love with all, giving thanks for how much you are loved. Go forth, knowing that the wind of the Spirit blows you to where you need to be. Amen.



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

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'Victory in Jesus' No. 370, Vs. 1 & 3

\*POSTLUDE 'Aus Tiefer Not Schrei Ich Zu Dir' Reger

***WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD***

## Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

**October 23, 2022**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Pastor Russel is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

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

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### CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE 'o Welt such Muse Dich Lassen' Brahms

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

### \*OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'I Sing the Almighty Power of God'

No. 152

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come and worship God, the Holy One.

**People: But we are a sinful people.**

Pastor: God knows who we are and the condition of our lives.

**People: Then God knows we are sinful through and through.**

Pastor: God knows us, loves us, and accepts us as we are.

**People: With relief and gratitude we come into God's presence.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**We come into your presence, Holy God, knowing that we are a sinful people and that we dwell in a world of sinfulness. We come not because we are worthy, but because you call us in love. Draw us into the power of your Spirit that we may be transformed and empowered to live as your children. Amen.**

### INTROIT

'Just As I Am, Without One Plea'

No. 357 V. 1 & 6

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

## CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### HYMN OF PRAYER

'Sweet Hour of Prayer'

No. 496 V. 1

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

### PRAYER RESPONSE

'Sweet Hour of Prayer'

No. 496 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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18

### \*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 18:9-14

### \*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

"Describing Yourself"

Pastor Russel Shuluga

## CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, and especially our overblown view of our goodness and the evil of others.

### GENERAL CONFESSION

**We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We are quick to forgive ourselves and slow to forgive others. When we confess, we are quick to describe the circumstances that made us do it. We may not say the devil made us do it, but we point the finger at someone or something. It couldn't have been our fault because we are good people. Yet when we see the failures of others, we assume it is because they are terrible people. Send your Spirit upon us to cleanse us and renew us. Open our eyes that we may see ourselves with clarity and others with charity. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God knows we are all sinners. Yet God loves us, forgives us, and empowers us to forgive others. Receive God's Spirit and share God's grace with others.

### HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'He Touched Me'

No. 367