

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Even as God invites us to bring our needs in prayer, God also invites us to bring our gifts in service to the world. Let us bring our gifts with as much tenacity and courage as we bring our needs and prayers before God.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY 'Jesus Is All the World to Me' Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mighty God, bestow your power and strength on these gifts we now return to you. Multiply them as they go forth to serve your church and your world. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

As people of prayer, go now to live your prayers. As people of faith, go now to live in faith. As people of love, go now to live with love.



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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'Jesus Calls Us' No. 398 V. 1, 3, & 5

*POSTLUDE 'Psalm XIX' Benedetto Marcello

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

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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 'Amazing Grace' Joseph M. Martin

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
'Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above' No. 126

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Called by God to be people of prayer, we gather today as people of prayer.
People: We come to pray without ceasing, without giving up.
Pastor: We pray with tenacity, with courage and with hope.
People: God hears our every prayer.
Pastor: God welcomes our worship and our prayers but also calls us to work.
People: In God's name we will join the struggle for justice.
Pastor: Take heart knowing God is with us in this work.
People: In the power of God's Spirit, we will persevere.
Pastor: Come, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, we come into your powerful presence with hope in our hearts. May we pray with the same focus and strength with which you receive our prayers. Flow through our prayers and our worship this day that we may rediscover childlike trust, even as we mature in faith. Amen.

INTROIT 'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying' TFWS No. 2193

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER 'Take Time to Be Holy' No. 395 V. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 'Take Time to Be Holy' No. 395 V. 4

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 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5

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 18: 1-8

*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 'Do Not Lose Heart' Pastor Russel Shuluga

HYMN 'Are Ye Able' No. 530 V. 1 & 4