

NOVEMBER 13, 2022
23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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 – 10:30 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

'Tocatta in C Major'

Johann Pachelbel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come'

No 694

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is now a sacred space.

People: Let us remember that when we gather in God's name, God is in our midst.

Hymn

'We Gather Together'

No. 131 V. 1

- 1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.***

Pastor: We come here to worship with thanksgiving.

People: Let us remember that God is the audience, and we are the players.

- 2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!***

Pastor: Come let us celebrate God's wonderful blessings and love.

People: We come here to be renewed and gratefully changed.

- 3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be;
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!***

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks this day for all that you have given to us. You fill our lives with joy, and now we return that joy with gratitude. May we, in this time of worship, give to you our proper thanks and praise as we enter into communion with you and as we share with thankful hearts. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

INTROIT

'God, Your Blessings Overflow'

(Sung to the tune "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 92)

**God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say?
How can we begin to show, all our gratitude this day?
God, we join to worship you, giving thanks for all you do.**

Thank you for the life you give, For each friend and family,
For the land in which we live, For your love that sets us free.
Thank you, God, for daily bread, And for feasts of joy you spread.

So we join in thanks this day, So your gifts we freely share,
So we follow Christ the Way, Loving, serving everywhere.
Spirit, may our lives express, all our daily thankfulness.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

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)

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

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"

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

*THE GOSPEL IS READ

John 6: 25-35

*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

"Sighs of Love and Gratitude"

Pastor Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we bring to you our ingratitude for all that you have done for us, our impatience when prayers seem to be ignored, our selfishness when prompted to give or share, our unfaithfulness when wandering from your way. We ask for your forgiveness through Jesus the Christ who gave all, that we might learn to do likewise. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Now let us be comforted and glad and hear the good news of the Gospel: God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but should have eternal life. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'My Tribute'

No. 99

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

'Aria'

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, who desires good for all creatures, satisfy our hunger not just for food, but for freedom, truth, justice and love.

O Risen Christ, you revealed yourself to us as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people. We dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service.

Holy Spirit, bless these gifts and abide in our hearts so that our gifts and our actions may live out our faith, glorify God, and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION

Pastor: People of God, come to the Table where you shall eat and be satisfied.

People: **With grateful hearts we come!**

HYMN

'We Come to This Table

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(Tune: 'We Gather Together')

We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.

We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.

We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving;

We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.

*We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,
Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.
The bread and the cup that we share here with others
are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE SURSUM CORDA

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

By your appointment the seasons come and go. You bring forth bread from the earth and create the fruit of the vine. You made us in your image and given us dominion over the world. Earth has yielded its treasure, and from your hand we have received blessing on blessing.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor.

When hungry and tempted, he refused to make bread for himself that he might be the bread of life for others.

When the multitudes were hungry, he fed them.

He broke bread with the outcast but drove the greedy out of the Temple.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 102

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 'Give Thanks' TFWS 2036

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Remember the Lord your God who crowns the year with bounty.

People: We go with thankful hearts to sing God's glory.

Pastor: Remember the Lord your God who cares for the world.

People: We go with grateful hearts to share God's abundant love.

Pastor: Remember the Lord your God who gives us all we have.

People: We go with loving hearts to share God's bountiful harvest.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Danish Amen' No 898

Amen, amen, a-men.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'Sent Forth by God's Blessing' No. 664

*POSTLUDE 'Now thank we all our shod' Sigfrid Karg-Elert

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD



Kristin (Sue's friend) - diagnosed with thyroid cancer
Dorothy (Sue's cousin) - brain tumor
Jim (Mary's friend) - diagnosed with lung cancer
Kittner Family & friends—passing of Lynn
Liz Swartz (Carolyn's friend) - prayers needed
Kathy Nestler (Carolyn's friend) - prayers needed
Debbie Valera – recouping from surgery
Beverly (Larry's sister/Kim's sister-in-law) - cancer treatments
Don Donaldson (Ginnie's Friend) - heart issues
People of Ukraine & Afghanistan
Peacemakers
Barbara Thaw –continued prayers
Judy Spencer Baker - continued prayers
Aubri (Ginnie's granddaughter) – diagnosed with breast cancer
Irene Chenot (Barbara's friend's mom) - cancer
Joe (Ginnie & Sue's cousin) - diagnosed with myeloma cancer
Gary (Ginnie's son) - continued good health
Pastor Russel W. Shuluga
Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian – Pittsburgh District Superintendent
Those affected by the violence in our world
People in African nations—let there be enough food for them
Prayers that the violence will stop
Those who are traveling
Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church
Those in silence needing prayers
Western PA Conference

MIFFLIN AVENUE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Following today's service, everyone is invited for Thanksgiving Lunch in the John Wesley Room. The hosts are Barbara & Robert Thaw.



Diana Spencer—November 17th



The Hanging of the Greens service will be held on December 4th. Anyone that would like to read, sing, play or participate in any way should contact Barbara (bcthaw@aol.com). Rehearsal is 12/4 starting promptly at 9AM



Today is the last day to make a donation to Wilkinsburg Community Ministry in support of their distribution of Thanksgiving Bags. These donations will help them purchase items for the bags. Make your check payable to MAUMC and write "Thanksgiving Bags" in the memo line of your check or on your envelope. Thank you!



NOVEMBER MISSION OPPORTUNITY "TOYS FOR TOTS"

The November Mission Opportunity will be to collect NEW unwrapped toys for "Toys For Tots". Mifflin Avenue has been approved as a local drop off location for the area.

Deadline to bring in your toy donations to the Mifflin church is Sunday, December 4th.

If you would like to make a monetary donation (deadline to give monetary donations is Sunday, November 27th) and have Mary shop for you, make your check payable to MAUMC and write "Toys For Tots" in the memo line of your check or on your envelope. Put in Sundays offering or mail to the church,