

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord, as we give, we join hands with brothers and sisters in this place and around the world, we accomplish things together that we could never do alone. We express our unity in you, O Christ. Amen.

**CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
People: **We have come to praise our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace and we leave with the same spirit.**  
Pastor: Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found.  
People: **All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace.**

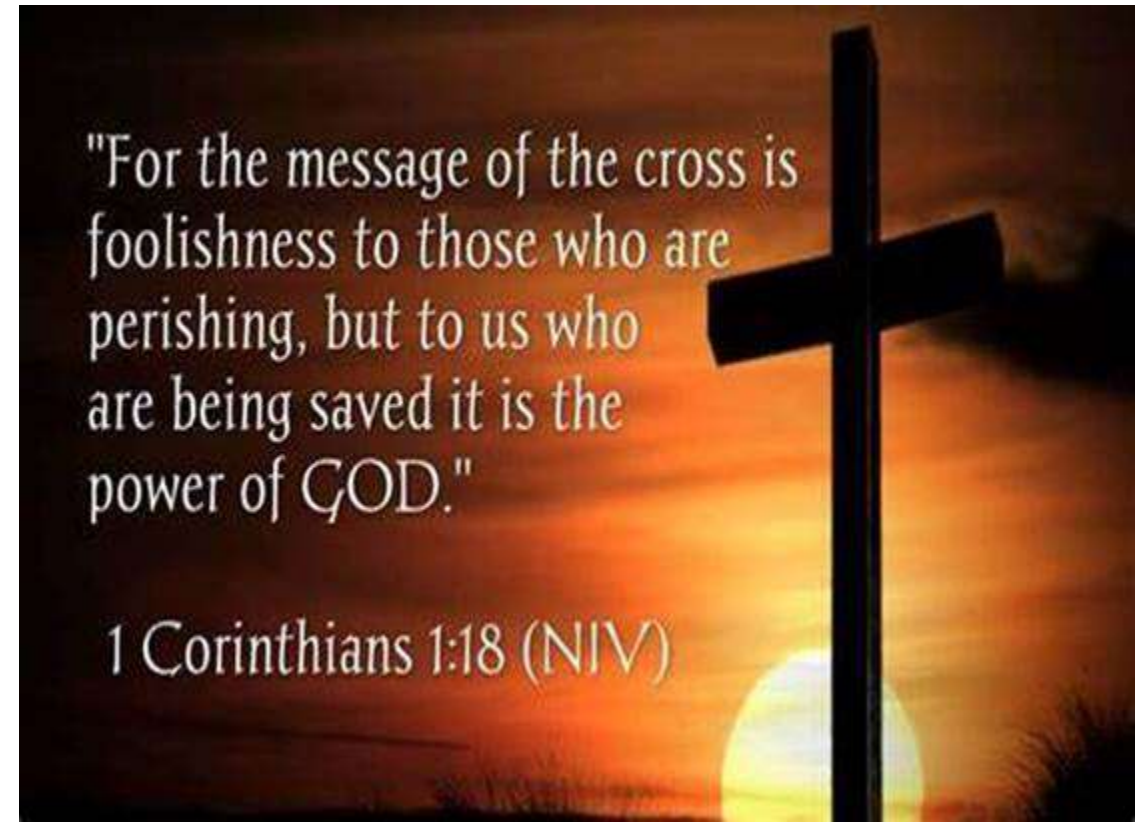
\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE                      'Danish Amen'                      No 898

*'A-men, a-men, a – men.'*

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN                      'The Old Rugged Cross'                      No. 504 V. 1 & 4

\*POSTLUDE                      'Toccata'                      Herman Schroeder

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



**Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church  
January 22, 2023  
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**

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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 11:15AM

### CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE 'How brightly shines the morning star' Dietrich Buxtehude

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

\*OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT  
'Lift High the Cross' No. 159

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: You call us, O God, to have the same mind,  
**People: so we can know each other's joys and sorrows.**  
Pastor: You call us, O God, to have the same purpose,  
**People: so we can be one people who are not afraid to follow Jesus.**  
Pastor: You call us, O God, to have the same mission,  
**People: so we can serve together in your kingdom.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**O God, our Father, we are all your children; and we gather this day to praise your name and seek your blessing. Unite our spirits, we pray, in worship and fellowship. While we cannot all be of the same mind, may we be made one in love, and in devotion to your holy will. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

INTROIT 'Bind Us Together' TFWS No. 2226

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER 'Rock of Ages' No. 361 V. 1

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 'Rock of Ages' No. 361 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 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

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. Matthew.  
**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL IS READ Matthew 4: 12-23

\*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 'Is Unity Possible?' Pastor Russel Shuluga

### CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY 'Blessed Jesus at thy word' Johann G. Walther

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95