

## CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY 'Adagio' Gordon Jacob

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Awesome God, confronted by the dazzling light of your glory, we want to stay on the mountaintop and worship you. But you call us to do more than worship, you call us into action as your disciples. Through these gifts, may we shine the transforming light of your love into all of the world. Use our worship, use our gifts, use our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

## CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Leave this place today dazzled by the glory of our amazing God.

**People: We go down from the mountain to live in the light of Jesus Christ, God's own beloved son.**

Pastor: May the fire of the Holy Spirit blaze a transforming path into the world where you are called to serve. Amen.

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

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'Open My Eyes, That I May See' No. 454

\*POSTLUDE 'Chacone' Louis Couperin

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

## Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

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Transfiguration Sunday



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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

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### CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE 'To the Light of God' Herbert Sumsion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT  
'Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky' No. 173

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The light of Christ shines forth in this place today.

**People: It is good for us to be here.**

Pastor: Every glimpse of Christ's glory reminds us of the hope we have in him, both now and in the future.

**People: It is good for us to be here.**

Pastor: May this time of worship be a mountaintop experience for each of us.

**All: It is good for us to be here.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of glory and wonder, it is good for us to be here. You call us to come live in the radiance of your love. We acknowledge our utter inability to understand the scope of your being. At times, we simply stand in awe and amazement. But you summon us to be your faithful people as you shine your love into our hearts. Give us the courage to pick up the mantle of hope. Help us move forward, following the light of Christ, this and every day. Amen.**

INTROIT 'Holy Ground' TFWS No. 2272

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HYMN 'Be Careful Little Eyes What You See' Children's Choir

### 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 Exodus 24:12-18

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 17:1-9

\*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 'Embracing the Holy' Russel Shuluga

HYMN 'Jesus Is All the World to Me' No. 469