

**CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION**

SERMON 'Jim Dandy to the Rescue' Dai Morgan

**CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY 'Largo' G. F. Handel

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION

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\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Victory in Jesus' No. 370 (refrain)

**O victory in Jesus, my savior forever!  
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;  
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;  
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.**

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'Thine Be the Glory' No. 308

\*POSTLUDE 'Toccata in C Major' Hermann Schroeder

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

**April 16, 2023**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**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

#### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CENTERING WORDS

Blessed be the Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through His resurrection from the dead. Let us gather in praise of His Name.

PRELUDE 'Fugue in C Major' J. S. Bach

### CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

#### OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know' No. 163

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, sing for joy to the Lord.

**People: Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Come before the Lord with Thanksgiving.

**People: For the Lord is a great God!**

Leader: Come, Let us worship and bow down.

**All: We shall kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT 'My Tribute' No. 99

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

### CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### GENERAL CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 'Because He Lives' No. 364 V.1

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: May we stand and offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.

### CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: 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 15: 1-5

Leader: 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"*

Leader: The Lord be with you,

**People: and also with you.**

Leader: A reading from the Gospel of St. John.

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

\*THE GOSPEL IS READ John 20: 19-31

#### \*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Leader: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 70