

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON “Trust and Faithfulness in the Midst of Uncertainty” Rev. Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD’S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER
O Lord, take all that we have and all that we are and can hope to become, and press it into the service of what you would have us to be, for your mercy's sake. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION
Go to the places God sends you. Bless the people Christ calls you to bless. Strengthen the faith of the hopeless and despairing. Go with God’s blessings.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ‘Danish Amen’ No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN ‘I know Who Holds Tomorrow’ (Insert)

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

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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-11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

As the people of Almighty God, it is important for us to be here today, for we need this time of reflection and renewal, we need God's comfort and direction, and we need the support and friendship of God's people.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’
No. 519

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come into God’s presence.
People: All are welcome here.
Pastor: Come, saints and sinners alike.
People: We are all God’s children.
Pastor: Faith has brought us here.
People: Grace will make us whole.
Pastor: Come! Let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful and loving God, your grace makes our faith possible. May we live and go about our lives as people who place our trust in you. May we love and care for others as people who turn to you for help. Where there is doubt or distrust, renew our faith. Where there is fear or insecurity, grant us courage. Where there is fatigue and weariness, give us amazing strength. Where there is confusion of purpose, give us wisdom. Where there is sorrow and loss, bring us peace. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

INTROIT
‘Majesty, Worship His Majesty’
No. 176

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

GENERAL CONFESSION

Loving God, we yearn to be as merciful with others as you are with us. We long to set aside past grudges and love others for who they are now. We are tired of sitting in judgment and failing to see others as your beloved children. Fill us with your grace, that we might have enough faith to walk in your ways and to seek the healing of your world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By the grace of God, our faith has made us well. In the grace of Christ, our faith has led us home. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, our faith has made us whole.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE
‘Great Is Thy Faithfulness’
No. 140 V. 3

*SHARING THE PEACE
By reaching out in faith, we touch the presence of God. May we feel this touch and this grace as we pass the peace of Christ today.

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
Pastor:: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Genesis 12:1-9

*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 9: 9-13, 18-26

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE
Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI
No. 70