

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said, "Come unto me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Let us give freely of what we have been given to help others whose burdens are heavier than our own.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

As you have received each one of us, O Lord, receive also these gifts that we offer to you that your love may be made known through ministries of peace, hope and justice. AMEN.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Jesus said, "Come unto me, all you that are weary."

People: We came and found refreshment for our souls.

Pastor: Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me."

People: We have learned from his word. We are eager to do his will, remembering that your yoke is easy and your burden light.

Pastor: With joy in the name of Christ, you are blessed. Amen.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Living for Jesus'

TFWS No. 2149 V. 1 & 4

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

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-11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Embrace the yoke of Christ's love. For Christ's yoke is easy and his burden is light.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'

No. 400

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ calls those who are weary and heavy laden.
People: In Christ, we find rest.
Pastor: Christ calls us to bear his yoke and learn from him.
People: In Christ, we see God's ways.
Pastor: Christ is gentle and humble in heart.
People: In Christ, we know God's love.
Pastor: Come, for Christ calls us here.

OPENING PRAYER

You have walked many miles with us, O God. You have comforted and strengthened us along the way. Keep us on your path, for we easily lose our way. As we learn to live in your ways, help us choose the cause of justice and righteousness. Amen.

INTROIT

'Spirit Song'

No. 347

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, and especially our willingness to stay chained to our sins.

GENERAL CONFESSION

Merciful God, we do not understand why we do the things we do. Forgive our foolish ways. Give us the strength and the courage to bear your yoke and to heed your call. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ rescues us from our foolish ways and from our misguided deeds. In Christ, we are made perfect, even in our imperfection. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'My Tribute'

No. 99

*SHARING THE PEACE

Christ offers us God's gentle and humble heart. May we in turn offer our gentle and humble hearts to one another with signs of love and peace.

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

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

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. Matthew.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Leader: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

'The Power of Commitment'

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga