

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

'Dysfunctional Families'

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The richness of God's mercy is poured over us every minute of our lives, even when we least expect it. We offer our gifts and tithes in gratitude for all that God does for and with us, that we might become better servants of the Gospel

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in this, your broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

May the God of the journey walk with you— in and out of pits, and in and out of storms.
May our Creator God continue to form you and bless you.
May the God of grace encourage you, this day, and every day, and beyond our days.
Amen.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name'

No. 663 V. 1

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

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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, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING WORDS

Jesus called to his friends as they were rocked by fear: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
Find shalom and rest in the midst of daily anxiety.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah'

No. 127

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me,"

People: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

Pastor: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,"

People: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

Pastor: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

People: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.

INTROIT

'Stand By Me'

No. 512 V. 1

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

GENERAL CONFESSION

Lord, please forgive our weakness and our lack of trust in you. We are like the disciples who, in the midst of fears and storms, could only tremble and wonder about the threatening events. Even when Jesus called to the disciples, they shook with fear. But Jesus offered words of encouragement. Impulsive Peter asked Jesus to call to him and bid him come out of the boat. Jesus complied and Peter stepped over the edge onto the waves — but fear claimed him again and he began to sink. Many of us can identify with that moment when we let go of our faith and clutch onto our fears. Help us to place our trust totally in you and your call to us. You will guide and lift us to safety — that is the promise you have given to us and we believe it. When our faith slips, scoop us up and bring us peace. Be patient with us, for we are flawed and yet loved by you. Give us strong hearts and willing spirits to be your disciples. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Keep your focus on Jesus. He is your Savior and your Guide. He will never fail you. Rejoice, dear friends, you are called precious by our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'My Hope Is Built'

No. 368 V. 1 & 4

*SHARING THE PEACE

Friends, be at peace. Families, be at peace with one another. Beloved of God, be at peace in your hearts, in your souls, and in your minds. Offer one another a sign of God's peace with the words: "Peace be with you." May these be God's word on our lips and in our hearts.

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 37: 1-4, 12-28

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"

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 14:22-33

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Leader: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70