

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON "Asking for More" Pastor Russel Shuluga

HYMN 'Near to the Heart of God' No. 472

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said, "Give to God, what belongs to God." We are God's people, created in God's image. Everything we are, and all that we have, comes from God. Out of gratitude for the abundance of God's gifts, let us bring our offering in gratitude and praise.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY 'Adagio' J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, your kindness and compassion surround us. You alone are holy. You alone bring meaning and hope to our lives. We are grateful for all that you are and all that you give us. Receive us and the gifts that we bring, that the world might know you and the gifts you offer to those who ask. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Go from this place, persevering in faith, hope, and love. May the goodness of God be with you. May the love of God sustain you. And may you go in peace.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Danish Amen' No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'Let There Be Peace on Earth' No. 431

*POSTLUDE 'Hornpipe' G. F. Handel

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

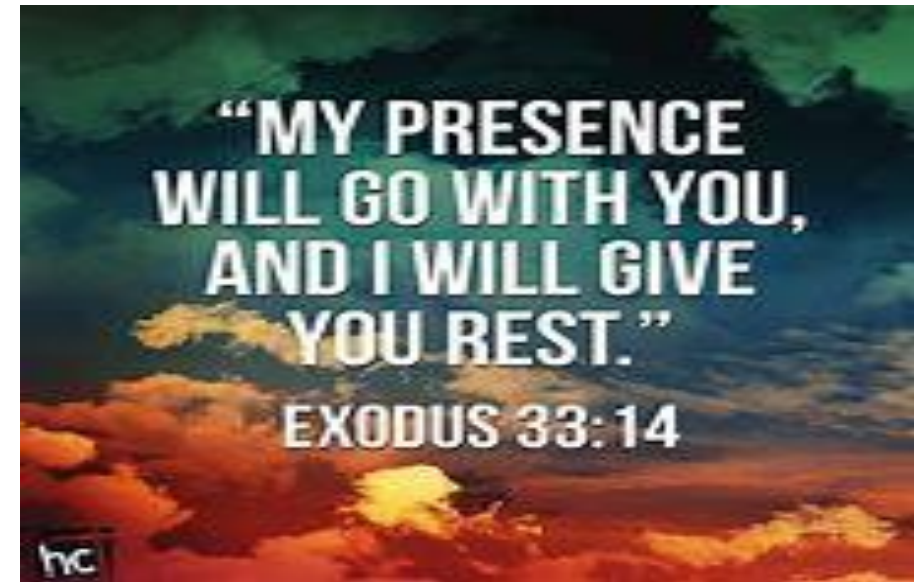
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Pastor Russel is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.



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 'voluntary in D Major' John Stanley
(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING WORDS

Seek God's presence that God's goodness, mercy, and grace may bless and strengthen you. Who know if the Lord may tuck you into a safe place and give you a glimpse of God's glory?

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty' No. 64

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, Holy God, draw near.

People: We long to see you.

Pastor: Come, God of justice, be present today.

People: We need your grace in our world.

Pastor: Come in this hour.

People: Show us your love.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we long to sense your presence and be assured that you have drawn near. Awaken us with your love and grace and show us your possibilities for our lives. Assure us that we are not alone and that you walk with us always. For this we offer you our thanks and praise. AMEN.

INTROIT 'Just a Closer Walk With Thee' TFWS No. 2158

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

May we prepare our hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

GENERAL CONFESSION

God of grace, though you are always present, you often feel distant. Our minds seek to limit your reality to things we can understand. Expand our imaginations, that we may see your kindness and grace at work in the world around us. When our work becomes a burden and our struggles seem pointless, save us from despair. Remind us to ground ourselves in faith and to reach out with hope and love, as we seek to live in your ways. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When we cry out to you, O God, you answer us. You receive us, forgive us, and show us your love.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'He Touched Me'

No. 367

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 33:12-23

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 22: 15-22

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70