

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

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON ‘All Our Choices’ (Part 2) Pastor Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
The God who is the King of kings and Lord of lords shepherds us, comforts us, and provides for us. Our King is the one owed our thanks and gratitude. In deep humility, let us bring our offerings to God.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ‘Chorale: Blessed Jesus at thy word’ J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER
O Lord, our King, who wore a crown of thorns, receive the tithes and offerings we bring each week do the holy work of making your reign real in this community and in this world in need. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION
God calls us into the world to embody a realm that is not of this world. Go forth now in the name of the One who is, and was, and is to come. May God’s grace and peace be with you. Amen.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Danish Amen” No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN “Soon and Very Soon” No. 706 v. 1

*POSTLUDE ‘Psalm nineteen’ Benedetto Marcelo

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 ‘toccata in C Major’ Johann Pachelbel
(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

CENTERING WORDS
The King of kings is raised in glory. Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God. Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator. Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” No. 715

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Come, let us bow down and worship the King of kings, the Lord of Lords.
People: At his birth the angels proclaimed it. He is the Wonderful Counselor, Lord of Lords, King of Kings, the Prince of Peace.
Pastor: Through his teaching and his life we have learned how to live to God.
People: By his death and resurrection we have been saved and claimed by God as witnesses to God's eternal love.

OPENING PRAYER
Christ our king, reign in our hearts and grant this world your peace. We rest from our busy pursuits and our ceaseless motion to seek the kingdom you will bring. In our songs of praise, in our prayers and through ancient words of scripture, restore our souls to peace. Reign in our hearts, that your love may change this world, for it is the only power that can do so, through the grace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

INTROIT ‘Majesty, Worship His Majesty’ No. 176

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION
May we prepare our hearts and sprits to receive God’s mercy and healing.

GENERAL CONFESSION
Imagining your reign can be difficult, eternal God. It is difficult to picture a world governed by your justice and righteousness alone. Our minds are held captive by the worst images of human kings, rulers, and powers. When nobler visions fail and we settle for kingdoms of our own making, correct and forgive us. Free the borders of our imaginations, that we may envision your greater good and celebrate the coming of your reign on earth as in heaven. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Hear the prophecy of Zechariah: Tender mercy and forgiveness are the ways of God. We are forgiven. Let the church say **Amen.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE ‘Crown Him with Many Crowns’ No. 327 VS. 1 & 4

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 Ephesians 1:15-23
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 25:31-46