

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON	‘We Don’t Talk About Ourselves’	Pastor Russel Shuluga
HYMN	‘This Little Light of Mine’ (African-American Spiritual)	No. 585

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
In a world of shadows and clouds, we are invited to proclaim the light of Christ. May light guide our thoughts and help us know how to give of ourselves and our gifts so that we may become lights in a shadowy world.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM	‘Allegro from “Samson”	G.F. Handel
*DOXOLOGY		No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER
God of light and love, shine through the gifts we bring before you now. Speak through our hearts and our actions. Bless our gifts, our offerings, and our very lives, that we may bless others with your presence. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION
May the brightness of God light our way.
May the brightness of Christ shine within us.
May the brightness of God’s Spirit flow through us.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	‘Danish Amen’	No. 898
*RECESSIONAL HYMN	‘I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light’	No. 206, VS. 1,& 2
*POSTLUDE	‘Trumpet Tune’	C.S. Lang

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church
February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday



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.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE	‘Allegro from Concerto in F Major’	Tomasso Albinoni
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS		
GATHERING WORDS May the brightness of God shine around us, within us, and through us.		

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
‘Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies’ No. 173

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the midst of our darkness, Jesus brings holy light!
People: Pierce our darkness; scatter the shadows of doubt and fear! Bring us your light, O Lord.

HYMN ‘Shine, Jesus Shine’ TFWS No. 2173 (Chorus)
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Pastor: We seek the light but have long lived in the darkness. Bring your light, O Lord.
People: Help us be ready to receive that light!

HYMN ‘Shine, Jesus Shine’ TFWS No. 2173 (Chorus)
Repeat Above Chorus

Pastor: Come to the shining presence of Jesus. Receive healing and hope.
People: Lord, our lives are ablaze with your love and healing power. Praise be to you, O Christ. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER
Almighty God, giver of life, your light shines in our lives and your glory is revealed through your Son, Jesus Christ. Reveal his glory to us as you did to Peter, James and John, that we may be filled with his power and our mouths may proclaim his presence forevermore. AMEN.

INTROIT ‘Holy Ground’ TFWS No. 2272

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 life, you never stop shining. Yet sometimes we forget to keep looking. It is not always easy to remember to keep our eyes on you—to watch until you are out of sight, to remember that you are never really out of sight. We long for you, O God, especially when we have wandered away and yearn to come home. Entrust us with a double portion of your Spirit—when we need it most, when we don’t even know we need it, when we have no words to ask. Bless us, we pray, and bring us home. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
When we have turned away and have lost our way—still, God is with us; still, God will not leave us. When we have stopped looking for God—God is still looking for us, shining as brightly as we need, so we can find and be found again . . . and again.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE ‘He Is Exalted’ TFWS No. 2070

PASSING THE PEACE
The one who said, “Let light shine,” has shone in our hearts and illumined our lives with knowledge of the glory of God through the face of Jesus Christ. Let us share this grace and peace with one another.

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears our minds, and our heart;
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 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
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, alleluia”

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: and also with you.
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL IS READ Mark 9: 2-9

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

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

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70