

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON	“You Are Mine”	Rev. Russel Shuluga
HYMN	‘You Are Mine’	TFWS No. 2118

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING  
The psalmist proclaims that creation will remember and return to God. As those blessed to be a blessing to others, may we return to God with the gifts of our hands and hearts.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM	‘chorale: Soul adorn thyself with gladness’	J.S. Bach
*DOXOLOGY		No. 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER  
**God of manifold blessings, bless our lives to your service, even as we consecrate these gifts in service of a world in need. May our offering go forth this day and be a reflection of your glory for all who struggle to know your ways. As these gifts go forth to do your work, may they help others hear your voice as you call their names. In the spirit of your grace and peace, we pray. AMEN.**

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION	
Pastor:	Though the former things are past and the future is unknown.
People:	<b>we go as God’s beloved children.</b>
Pastor:	God’s love and our place in God’s realm is secure.
People:	<b>both now and forevermore.</b>

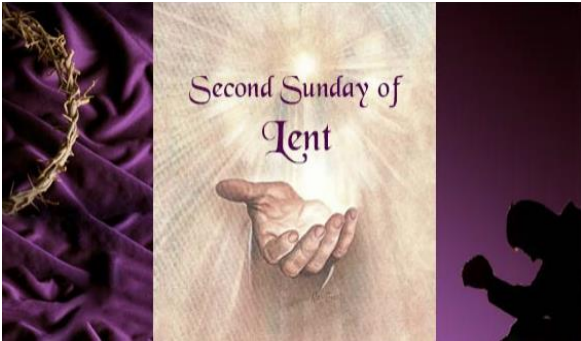


*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	‘Bless the Lord’	TFWS No. 2013
*RECESSIONAL HYMN	‘Jesus, Name above All Names’	TFWS No. 2071
*POSTLUDE	‘Psalm 18’	Benedetto Marcelo

***WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD***

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

February 25, 2024



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	‘Chorale Prelude: O Holy Jesus’	Johannes Brahms
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS		
CENTERING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT	‘Jesus, Remember Me’	No 488 (sing 3X)

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP	
Pastor:	Welcome this day to the second step of our Lenten journey.
People:	<b>We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of Christ.</b>

HYMN

‘I Have Decided to Follow Jesus’  
*I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back*

TFWS No. 2129, V. 1

Pastor: Today’s journey will demand much of us.  
People: Lord, make us ready to offer ourselves to you.

HYMN

‘I Have Decided to Follow Jesus’  
*The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back*

TFWS No. 2129, V. 2

Pastor: Come, let us begin again the wondrous excursion.  
People: Let us place our lives in God’s abiding love. AMEN

HYMN

‘I Have Decided to Follow Jesus’  
*Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back*

TFWS No. 2129, V. 3

OPENING PRAYER  
Lord of presence and power, be with us on the second step of our Lenten journey to the Cross.  
Help us to make a commitment of our lives, our spirits, our hearts to minister in your name.  
AMEN.

INTROIT

‘Where He Leads Me’

No. 388, Vs. 1 & 4

SPECIAL MUSIC

‘Sweet Hour of Prayer’

Mifflin Ensemble

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION  
Let us confess our sins before our merciful God and beg for God’s pardon on this Lenten journey.

GENERAL CONFESSION  
Guiding Lord, even though we hesitated on our Lenten journey; we vowed to come with you through all the trials and fears toward the Cross. Today we face the challenge which true commitment brings. Are we willing to offer our whole selves to you in service? We would like to think that we can do that, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from service and instead focused on our own desires. Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the Cross. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE  
By saying no to ourselves, and picking up our cross, we find ourselves. By saying yes to the good news of Christ’s Spirit, we find faith and wholeness. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

‘O Lord, Your Tenderness’

TFWS No. 2143 (2x)

SHARING THE PEACE  
As followers of Christ, let us pick up our cross and follow him, even when the road is long. On this journey, let us draw strength from one another as we share signs of grace and peace.

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

Genesis 9: 8-17

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

‘Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus’

No. 349

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will Grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.”

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 8:31-38

\*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

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

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70