

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The One who writes the law of love on our hearts, the One who saves us from the worst parts of ourselves, is here to bless us once more. In giving, we receive; in loving, we find love. Let us show our care for those in need as we offer our tithes and offerings to God.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM 'Go to Dark Gethsemane' Peter Johns

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

With hearts washed clean and with spirits made new, we celebrate the joy of your salvation, O God. May the tithes and offerings we share this day reflect the law of love you have written on our hearts. May these gifts bear the fruit of your Spirit, and may they bless those who need it most. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Fix your eyes on the Lord. Place your hand in His Hand, trusting in his guiding and comfort. Go into this world, that needs so much the words of healing love, and bring the good news of God's absolute love and presence to all people. Go in peace. AMEN.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Bless the Lord' TFWS No. 2013

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'Jesus, Name above All Names' TFWS No. 2071

*POSTLUDE 'Finale (Sonata VI)' Felix Mendelssohn

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church



March 17, 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 'Introduction from *Suite Gothique*' Leon Boellmann

GREETINGS, 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: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

People: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

Pastor: This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

People: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

Pastor: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

People: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

HYMN 'Beneath the Cross of Jesus' No. 297

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

INTROIT 'The Old Rugged Cross' No. 504, Vs. 1 & 4

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

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed. AMEN.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 'O Lord, Your Tenderness' TFWS No 2143 (2X)

SHARING THE PEACE

With clean hearts and renewed spirits, let us rejoice in the law of love written on our hearts. Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

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 Jeremiah 31: 31-34

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. John.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ John 12: 20-33

*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 'We Want to See Jesus' Rev. Russel Shuluga