

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.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Luke 24:13-35

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

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

PRAYER Rev. Ron Hoellein

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
"Opened Eyes and Burning Hearts" Rev. Ron Hoellein

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Rev. Ron Hoellein

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Ron Hoellein

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 'Largo' G. F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING



*BENEDICTION Rev. Ron Hoellein

*POSTLUDE 'Allegro from *Water Music*' G. F. Handel

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE 'Trumpet Tune' John Stanley
GREETING AND GATHERING WORDS Rev. Ron Hoellein

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
'Sing with All the Saints in Glory' No. 702

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us praise the Lord. Sing for joy, O Heavens, and exult earth; break forth, o mountains, into singing.

People: For the Lord has comforted all people and will have compassion on those who suffer.

Pastor: Break into singing.

People: For the Lord has comforted all the people.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on the cross, you draw all people to yourself. By being raised from the dead, you restore and reconcile those who separated from your mercy. This season we celebrate new life, new vision, new hope you offer to your people. AMEN.

INTROIT HYMN 'Open My Eyes, That I May See' No. 454

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Barbara Thaw

MIFFLIN AVENUE ENSEMBLE 'This joyful Eastertide' Charles Wood

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Ron Hoellein

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O gracious and loving God, we want to see you, but we refuse to open our eyes and hearts. We want to feel your presence in our lives, but we only want to meet you on our own terms. We want forgiveness but do not want to repent. We want grace but do not want to change. Forgive us our arrogance, reluctance and fears that reside in our souls. Help us to see you and feel your presence with the eyes of our hearts. Lead us into new life! AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Rev. Ron Hoellein

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 'Hymn of Promise' No. 707

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, let your word touch our head, heart, and soul in this moment. Speak what we need to hear.

CHORAL RESPONSE 'Thy Word' No. 601 (Refrain only)
"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:3-5

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. Luke

People: Glory to You, O Lord.