

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Paul challenged the church at Corinth to recognize their abundance, that they might share with those in need. God calls us to give out of our bounty, that all might have enough to live on without fear. With eager hearts, let us joyfully give out of our abundance.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for our present abundance and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon this community. We thank you for our faith, for our knowledge of you, and for the assurance of your love. May all these gifts be a blessing to those in need. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in the hope and promise of God.

People: We will share God's love and grace.

Pastor: Go in the wholeness of life with Christ.

People: We will share the good news of Christ's healing.

Pastor: Go in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: We will share the Spirit of peace with the world.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'This Is My Song'

No. 437

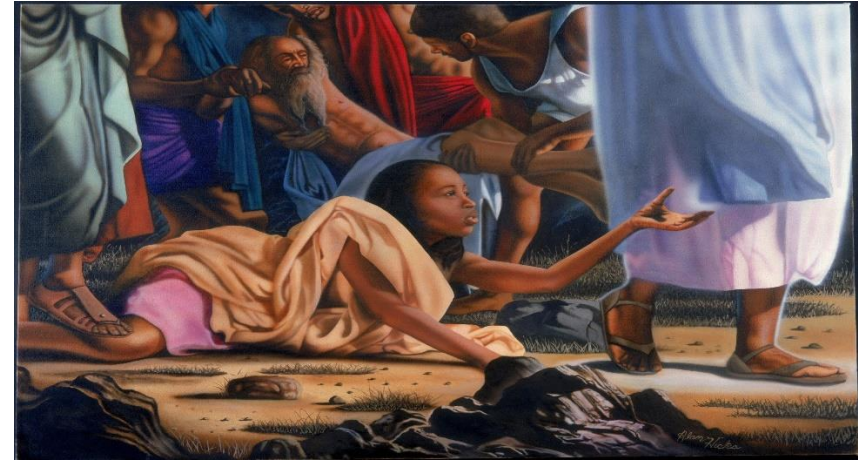
*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

June 30, 2024

6th Sunday After the Pentecost



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

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING WORDS

Come, bring your pain. Draw close to Christ. Reach out to touch Jesus. Find healing and peace in his love. God's love is steadfast. God's power is great! God heals our brokenness and gives us peace.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

No. 519

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the midst of celebration, we are also in sorrow.

People: Lord, hear our cries.

Pastor: For all those who have given their lives so that we may have our freedom,

People: Lord, hear our cries.

Pastor: For all those who struggle and strive against great difficulties,

People: Lord, hear our cries.

Pastor: We praise God who has blessed us with freedom and peace.

People: Let our lives be a blessing to others as we serve God in this world. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

God of freedom and miracles, we wait for your voice and direction this morning. We are so busy with the holiday celebrations and gatherings, yet the words of anguish arise around us. News of tragedy and war blare at us from all directions. Hear our cries, O Lord. Come and comfort and heal our wounds. Open our hearts this day that we might become people who bring peace and hope to those in despair. For we ask these things in the name of the master healer, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

INTROIT

'Precious Lord'

No. 474

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 love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place out trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our Great Physician heals us, body and soul. Give thanks to the One who answers our prayers and makes us well.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'He Touched Me'

No. 367

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Our source of healing and peace is with us now. Let us share this healing and peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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 onto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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. Mark.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL IS READ

Mark 5: 21-43

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

"Desperate"

Pastor Russel Shuluga