

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

“We Are Family Part 1”

Pastor Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As brothers and sisters of Christ, let us give joyfully from our bounty, that all God’s family may find hope and strength through the blessings we share this day.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

‘Adagio’

G. F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy Sovereign, you are our King and we are your people. As we reach for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our mothers and fathers in faith, use these offerings to heal our world and draw all people into your holy family. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: With God as our King, go to build God’s realm here on earth.

People: With our inner natures renewed, we go forth to proclaim God’s glory.

Pastor: With your sisters and brothers in Christ and your mothers and fathers in faith, go to be Christ’s family.

People: With our hearts set free to love, we go to share Christ’s love with all.

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ‘Danish Amen’ No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN ‘They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love’
TFWS No. 2223 VS. 1 & 4

*POSTLUDE ‘March Triumphant’ Sigfried Karg-Elert

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

June 9, 2024

3rd 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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Pastor Russel is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE 'Sonata in F Major' G. F. Handel

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING WORDS

Should everything we cling to be destroyed, we have an imperishable house, not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above' No. 126

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In this family of faith, we have a place where we will always belong.

People: Here we find friends who will love us as children of the Most High.

Pastor: In this house of God, we worship a King who rules with equity.

People: Here we follow One whose steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

People: Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, bind us together as your family. Swing wide the doors of our hearts and the doors of our church that we may welcome the stranger in. Give us a spirit of faith, that we may be your temples upon this earth, lovers of your law and givers of your grace. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

INTROIT 'Bind Us Together' TFWS No. 2226

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

Caring Father, in the midst of our brokenness, knit us together as your family. Loving Mother, in the midst of our woundedness, seal us in your heart as sisters and brothers.

Gentle Spirit, swing wide the doors of our church, that all may find within these walls a place where your will is done and holy relationships are nurtured. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ says to us: "Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." As the family of God, we are loved and cherished by our gracious God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 'Grace Greater than Our Sin' No. 365 VS. 1 & 2

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As the family of God, let us share signs of familial love as we pass the peace of Christ.

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 'The Word' No. 601 (Refrain only)

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1

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 3: 2-35

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70