

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator of all things, we give back to you in praise of your glory. We do not wish to simply praise you with our song and our words and our hands; we wish to praise you by loving our brothers and sisters in Christ. Take and use our gifts, that they may serve your kingdom. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Children of God, go forth dancing, singing, and praising. Dance joy into sorrowful places! Sing hope into places of despair! Praise God this day and always!



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Lord of the Dance'

No. 261 (chorus only)

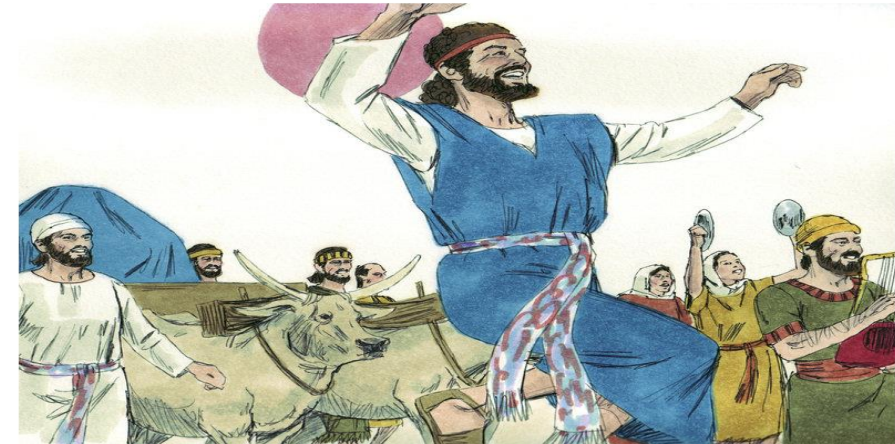
*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

July 14, 2024

8th Sunday After 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

Dance before the Lord with instruments of praise. Know that you are adopted into the family of God.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'When in Our Music God is Glorified' No. 68 VS. 1,2, & 5

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, sing and dance before the Lord.

People: Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

Pastor: Let every soul sing God's praises!

People: Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

Pastor: Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

People: Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today. You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us, and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. AMEN.

INTROIT

'Lord of the Dance' No. 261 (chorus only)

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

You have called us by name, Lord, and made us your family. Yet we do not always live as one body in Christ—we neglect to care for your creation; we forget that our neighbor is also our sister; we ignore suffering children in lands far away. Forgive us, we pray. Loosen the chains we place on our lives—chains of burden and busyness, chains of ignorance and stress. Free us to care for your family, that we all might dance, sing, and praise your glorious name! Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We belong to the king of glory who joyfully sets us free. In Christ's healing hands, you find forgiveness.

In Christ's healing touch, you find forgiveness. Glory be to God! Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'My Tribute'

No. 99

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We are adopted as God's children through Jesus Christ. We sit next to a sister, even when we know her as friend. We sit next to a brother, even when we think him a stranger. Turn now to your family in Christ and share with them signs of Christ's love and peace.

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 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

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 6:14-29

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

"Can We Handle the Truth"

Pastor Russel Shuluga