

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON 'Missing the Real Miracle' Pastor Russel Shuluga

HYMN 'Precious Lord Take My Hand' No. 474

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God's grace is abundant. Wherever we wander, God remains our God. The profoundness of God's love stands in contrast to the harsh judgment of our world. In response to this unfailing love, let us bring our time, talents, and treasures to serve the ministries to which we are called.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundant love, in you, nothing is lost. Gather our offerings, as Jesus gathered up the baskets of leftover food. Gather our efforts, as Jesus gathered the hopes of the people who looked for a true king. Gather our service, as Jesus gathered people to God's heavenly banquet. Bless the offerings we have gathered, that nothing may be lost. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Despite our failure, God redeems us and gives us a name. We belong to God. Go forth into the world, assured and confident that you are claimed by the One who gives life. With all you do, share this grace with all you meet. In all you do, represent Christ's magnificent love. Amen.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Danish Amen' No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing' No. 671

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

July 28, 2024

10th 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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Pastor Russel is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING WORDS

God, let the Word you have for us today fall upon our hearts and open us to your presence.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'All Glory, Laud, and Honor'

No. 280, VS. 1, 2 & 5

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let your hearts be open to the Lord today.

People: Let our spirits be ready to feel God's power and love.

Pastor: Let go of all the things that bind you in pain and sorrow.

People: Help us to place our trust in God.

Pastor: Come, let us praise the God of love.

People: Let us bring our hearts to God. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, meet us here. Find our spirits open and our hearts receptive to your word for us this day. With our songs and prayers, our witness and reflection, may we faithfully go where you call us to be. In the name of our brother, Christ, we pray. Amen.

INTROIT

'Spirit Song'

No. 347

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

Holy One, we come before you with contrite hearts. You know what we've done and left undone. You know who we've betrayed and excluded. Yet you love us still. We do not mean to hurt or cause harm, yet we easily cover up our wrongs. We bow before you in hope and trust that you won't push us away, but will draw us home once more into the arms of your never-failing love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Confessions, whether spoken aloud or acknowledged silently within our hearts, are pleasing to our God. In the name of the Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for Christ's mercy. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'To God Be the Glory'

No. 98, V. 1

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Whether we come to worship with regrets and sadness or with joy and thanksgiving, passing the peace of Christ heals the broken places in our lives and seals our bonds of fellowship. Let us take time to share this gift of peace with one another, both in this worship space and in our hearts. The peace of the Lord 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

'The Word'

No. 601 (Refrain only)

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

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 3: 14-21

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. John.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ

John 6: 1-21

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70