

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

“This is My Body! This is My Blood’

Pastor Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We see God’s work in acts of honesty and justice. We touch God’s covenant in moments of mercy and compassion. Let us be God’s instruments in the world as we collect today’s offering.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of wisdom and understanding, your blessings surround us each day. We thank you for inspiring our actions and feeding our creativity. We praise you for warming our hearts and enlightening our minds. May these gifts go forth into your world and be bread and blessing to those in need. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: God sends us forth with wisdom and understanding.

People: We go to be a blessing to the world.

Pastor: God sends us forth to be honest and just.

People: We go to be a blessing to the world.

Pastor: Go with God.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

‘Danish Amen’

No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN

‘Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name’

No. 663, Vs. 1 & 2

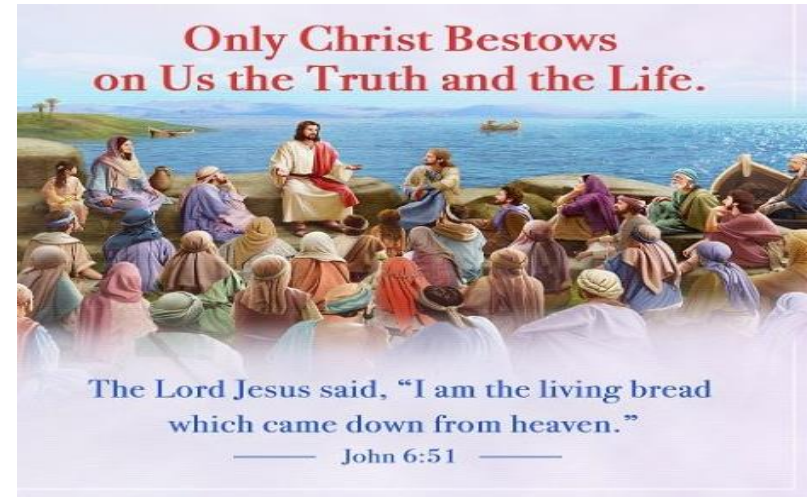
*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

August 18, 2024

13th 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, 7days per week.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

CENTERING WORDS

A discerning mind is more to be desired than great wealth or long life. A heart that distinguishes good from evil is more to be sought than earthly power and prestige.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'How Great Thou Art'

No. 77

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth.

People: God's wisdom calls us here.

Pastor: Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance.

People: Christ's love shows us the way.

Pastor: Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

People: the Spirit's presence gathers us together.

OPENING PRAYER

God of steadfast love, you granted young Solomon the wisdom to rule your people with judgment and understanding. When we turn to you for answers, you grant us the wisdom to discern good and evil and bestow the courage to live in your ways. Be with us in this time of worship as we seek to grow in your wisdom and abide in your grace. AMEN.

INTROIT

'Fill My Cup, Lord'

Emmelia Gaebel

CHILDREN'M 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

Pastor: Lord, we have lived as unwise people.

People: God, forgive us for wasting time.

Pastor: We have been foolish.

People: Jesus, forgive us for not understanding your will.

Pastor: We have filled ourselves with the wine of worldliness.

People: Holy Spirit, forgive us for not being filled with you.

Pastor: We have forsaken your spiritual food.

People: Great Triune God of grace, forgive us for not drawing our strength from your bread of heaven.

Pastor: Almighty God, please add to your mighty deeds by forgiving our transgressions. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord is gracious to us and gentle. The Lord heals our souls with love. The Lord is merciful, providing spiritual food for the hungry. Be healed in your hearts and be fed in your souls by the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'Blessed Assurance' No. 369, V. 1

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As the Lord provided peace for David's child Solomon, God has provided peace for us beloved sons and daughters. Let us now bless one another with the peace of God's presence. 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

'The Word'

No. 601 (Refrain only)

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

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 5: 15-20

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 6:51-58

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70