

## CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON	'Are We Hungry?'	Rev. Russel Shuluga
HYMNS	'Steal Away'	No. 704 Vs. 1 & 3
	'There Is a Balm in Gilead'	No. 375 Vs. 1 & 2
	'Nobody Knows the Trouble I See'	No. 520
	'My Lord What a Morning'	No. 719, Vs. 1 & 3
	'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot'	No. 703

## CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

### THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God is here, welcoming us just as we are. In thanksgiving for all God has blessed us with, and in gratitude for all the ways God loves us, may we bring our offerings before God.

### THE LORD'S OFFERING

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Gracious God, we bring these gifts to you that you may bless them. May they bring comfort to those who mourn, help to those in need, and joy to all your beloved children. AMEN.**

## CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

### \*BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, may you find comfort in God's grace. May you find strength in Christ's love. And may you find encouragement in the Spirit's power.



\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No. 898

\*CLOSING HYMN 'God Be With You Till We Meet Again' No. 672, Vs. 1 & 4

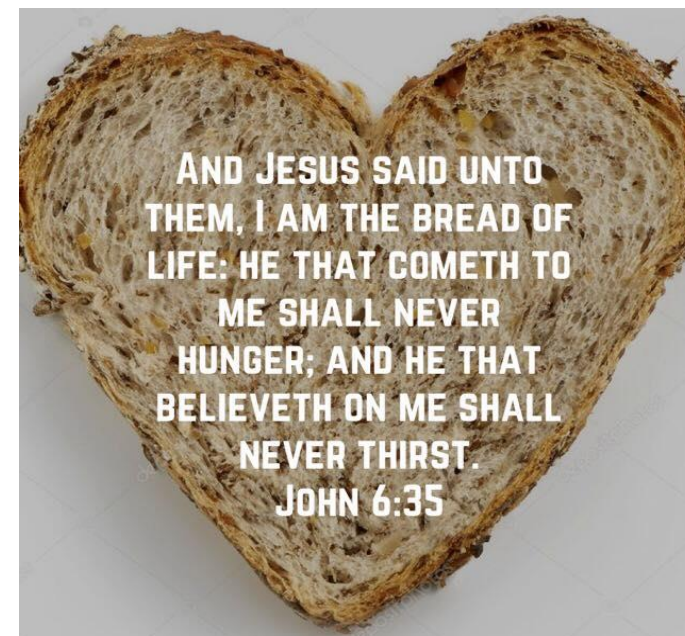
\*POSTLUDE

**WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church**

**August 11, 2024**

**12th 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

CENTERING WORDS

Bring your whole heart before God—all your grief, anger, frustration, joy, hope, and praise. God loves and welcomes you just as you are!

### CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty' No. 64

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We are hungering and thirsting for hope and peace.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Pastor: Our hearts long for the nourishing presence of God.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Pastor: Give to us the living bread of your peace that we may hunger no more.

**People: Open our hearts to joyfully receive your life-sustaining love. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

**O Bread of heaven, come down. Come down and fill us with your Spirit—for your Spirit satisfies like no other. We hunger and thirst for you this morning and long to be nurtured in your love and forgiveness. So we come to this sacred time and place, where our hungers are finally and fully satisfied as only your bread can do. We will wait and listen for your leading in this hour. Amen.**

INTROIT

'Spirit of the Living God' No. 393

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

**O God of compassion, if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand? We come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see. We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good, but sometimes fail. We choose to do evil, and sometimes succeed. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely. Without you, we have no hope.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and will forgive us. God provides freely, in the bread of heaven, all the mercy we need for life everlasting. The good news is forgiveness in the name of Christ Jesus.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 'Amazing Grace' No. 378, V. 1

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We are not far from the kingdom of God. In fact, the kingdom of God is within you. Extend to those near you evidence of the kingdom in your greetings of peace and love.

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 Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

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: 35, 41-51

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 70