

# Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

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**15th Sunday after Pentecost**



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24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

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.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:15AM**

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### **CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING**

PRELUDE

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

CENTERING WORDS

Our hearts long to be close to you, O God. May our lives and our deeds honor you.

## CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

### OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

No. 384

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

**People: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.**

Pastor: We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

**People: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.**

Pastor: Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

**People: Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives. AMEN.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

### INTROIT

'Majesty, Worship His Majesty'

No. 176

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

## 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 unto my feet and a light unto my path."*

### FIRST LESSON

James 1: 17-27

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

No. 186

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

'Alleluia'

*"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 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

\*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

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

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

## CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

'Putting On The Full Armor of God (Part 2)'

Pastor Russel Shuluga

HYMN

'Let There Be Peace on Earth'

No. 431

## CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

May we prepare our hearts to receive God's mercy and healing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. AMEN.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's word has the power to save our souls. God has anointed us with gladness. We are forgiven to live in joy.

HYMN Of ASSURANCE

'My Tribute'

No. 99

SHARING THE PEACE

You are God's beloved children. Look into one another's face to see the beauty of God's presence. Share the Lord's peace with gladness.

The peace of the Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

May we stand and offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.

## CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Every generous act of giving, as with every perfect gift, is from above. May God's word of truth, implanted within us at birth, bloom in acts of loving faithfulness. May that word shape our lives so that we become doers of the word, using God's gifts for all.

### THE LORD'S OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### \*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of every good gift, bless the gifts of our resources, our prayers, and our lives. Bless these gifts for the good of others and to the honor of your name. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE INVITATION

Christ's table is open to all who will join the feast. Come, eat; be loved and forgiven.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to you, Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to praise you, Lord.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### THE SURSUM CORDA

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Loving and holy God, when the taste of cup and bread fade from our lips, remind our hearts to continue facing the rising sun. For it is in you that we find mercy. It is in you we have our hope. For this meal we have shared and the truth it represents, we give you thanks. Amen.**

## CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

### \*BENEDICTION

Pastor: The good gifts of God continue to pour out upon us, giving us inspiration and energy for every good act.

**People: May our lives yield a full harvest of goodness and compassion!**

Pastor: Go and be doers of God's word of truth!

**People: May our lives honor God! AMEN.**

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'  
**A-men, a-men, a---men.**

No. 898

### \*CLOSING HYMN

'Together We Serve'

TFWS No. 2175, Vs. 1 & 4

### \*POSTLUDE

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



**WELCOME!**



**Mifflin Avenue**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Everyone is  
welcome,  
no matter who you  
are, where you  
come from, or why  
you are here.**

We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place with its doors ***wide open***. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, please stay with us. We invite visitors to join with us, and most of all, to return often.