

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON 'What's in A Name' Pastor Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We who have been richly blessed are called to share that blessing with the world. Give freely in the joy of serving your neighbor and your God.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

All that we do is in your holy name, O God. Even as we share the riches of our labors, may we continue to honor your name in all that we do. Bless these gifts given freely, that your justice and mercy may prevail in a weak and weary world. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go as God's children.

People: **We go as Christ's hands and feet.**

Pastor: Go as God's faithful followers.

People: **We go to live our faith with love in action.**

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Danish Amen' No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN 'Help Us Accept Each Other' No. 560 V. 1 & 3

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

September 8, 2024

16th 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

Everyone matters or no one matters. Here, everyone matters, and all are welcomed by the love of God.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

No. 147

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Those who trust in God are like the mountains, immovable and abiding

People: God shelters the people: today and for eternity.

Pastor: Rich or poor, God creates us to pursue justice and to care for one another.

People: Be a blessing, O God, to those who are good and upright in heart.

Pastor: God calls us to be rich in faith, to honor our heritage as heirs of the Kingdom.

People: We are blessed when we share our blessings, that peace may be upon the people.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, we call upon your name, for we know that your name and favor are more precious than human riches. You hate wickedness and abhor the neglect of your people. You call us to righteousness, to reach out to others with justice and mercy. You teach us right from wrong, that we may truly live in your grace. In the shadow of that grace, we offer compassion and mercy to others. Abide with us this day that we may serve you forevermore. Amen.

INTROIT

'There's Something About That Name'

No. 171

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

Creator God, you create all people in your image. When we neglect the needs of the poor, raise our commitment to care for others and to help create justice for all. When favoritism and prejudice blind us, and when we exclude and demean others, focus us on your inclusive love, a love that welcomes us and calls us to welcome others. Live in us and through us that our lives and our actions may reflect your image in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is good

all the time.

And all the time,

God is good.

In God's goodness, we touch goodness.

In God's love, we receive love.

In God's grace and mercy,

we find fellowship with God's people.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'Because He Lives'

No. 364 V. 1

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Knowing that God has prepared a place for us; knowing that Christ has come to bring us peace, let us greet one another now in the power of God and the glory of Christ's peace. 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

'Thy Word'

No. 601 (Refrain only)

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

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalms 124, No. 846

SECOND LESSON

James 2: 1-10, 14- 17

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 7: 24-37

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70