

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

“Night Vision”

Pastor Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD’S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Even when you seem far away, O God, you give us our daily bread and deliver us from evil. May the gifts we bring before you this day be signs of our gratitude for your gifts. Bless this offering, that our gifts may be vessels of your overflowing grace. Through these gifts, may others come to know the joy of your salvation through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Whenever we feel poured out like water

People: Christ offers us grace and mercy.

Pastor: Whenever we feel abandoned and alone,

People: Christ gives us hope and encouragement.

Pastor: Christ is there when our need is great.

People: Thanks be to God.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

‘Danish Amen’

No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN

‘Be Thou My Vision’

No. 451, Vs. 1 & 3

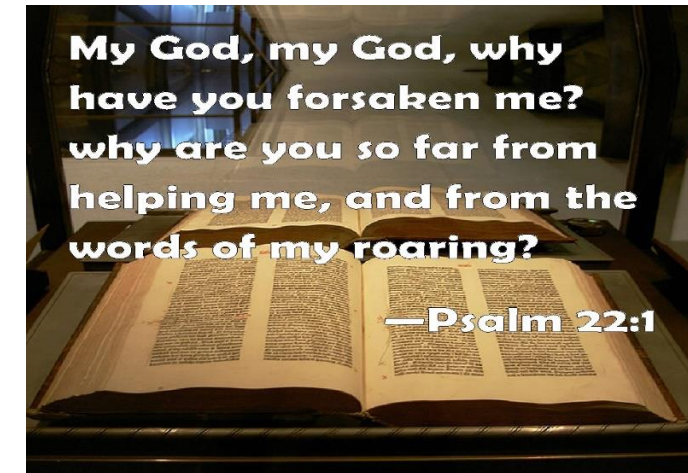
*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

October 13, 2024

21st 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. 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

Where do you go, Elusive One, when all hope fades? Be with us in our time of need and do not take your Holy Spirit from us.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'I Sing the Almighty Power of God'

No. 152

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Where do we turn when our cries go unanswered?

People: Where do we turn when we feel forsaken and alone?

Pastor: We search for God before and behind us, but God is not there.

People: We search for God above and beneath us, but come away empty.

Pastor: Yet even now, we will commit ourselves to God.

People: Even now, we will put our trust in the Lord.

Pastor Come! Let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Elusive One, be near us in our need. For we are poured out like water and our hearts melt like wax within us. You have watched over us since our birth as a mother watches over her children. Come to us swiftly and be with us now, for the darkness threatens and the light fades. Help us in our weakness and touch us with your mercy and your grace. Amen.

INTROIT

'Precious Lord, Take My Hand'

No. 474

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

You set before us the ways of life and death, O God. Help us keep to your path when the road is hard and the cost seems high. We yearn to touch your perfect love, if only it didn't mean giving up our comfort and our privilege. We long to love you with perfect devotion, but we are loathe to alter our selfish ways. Lift us beyond the empty shells of our shut-up hearts and help us find our way home. For in your love, all things are possible. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Who can be saved?

People: With mortals, it is impossible.

Pastor: But for God, all things are possible.

All: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'He Touched Me'

No. 367

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Christ sympathizes with us in our weakness and comes to us in our need. In gratitude for this great gift, let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

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

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalms 22: 1-15

No. 752 Response 2

*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 10: 17-31

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70