

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

'Finding Our Voice'

Pastor Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In service and love, may we bring our hearts, our offerings, and our gifts to God and to God's church.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mighty God, you restore sight to the blind and bounty to the afflicted; you provide refuge for the lost and freedom for the condemned. Open our mouths to cry out our need and open our hearts to give from our abundance, in Jesus' name, the name above all names. AMEN.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Heed not the crowd nor those you would silence you.

People: **We will shout out our needs and deepest desires of our hearts, "for Christ is here to save us."**

Pastor: Make Christ the center of your lives.

People: **We will live in his grace and be whole.**



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'

No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN

'Open My Eyes That I may See'

No. 454 Vs. 3

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

October 27, 2024

23rd 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

Seek the Lord and God will answer you. The Lord will deliver you from your tears. Happy are those who take refuge in our God.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

No. 519

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Magnify the Lord; exalt God's holy name.
People: The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing.
Pastor: Magnify the Lord; exalt God's holy name.
People: The Lord restores the fortunes of the righteous.
Pastor: Magnify the Lord; exalt God's holy name.
People: The Lord redeems the lives of God's servants.

OPENING PRAYER

God, our Healer, give us the courage of blind Bartimaeus, to cry out to you when we are in need; give us the wisdom of Job, to know when we have overreached and our cause is lost; give us the confidence of the psalmist, to sing your praises and magnify your name. Grant us the wisdom, O God, to seek from you what is of real value—what will truly make us well, what will truly make us whole, what will truly give us bliss. Amen.

INTROIT 'Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior' No. 351, Vs. 1 & 2

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

God of mystery and blessing, we speak without knowledge, we grasp without looking at the consequences, we boast without cause, we speak comfort without true compassion. Forgive our ignorance, when we look at what others have without seeing what they have lost. Forgive our self-absorption when we focus on our desire and ignore the needs of others. May we follow the example of Bartimaeus and cry out our need when you draw near. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Since Christ intercedes for us, he is able to save everyone who approaches God through him. Draw near to God through Christ, and walk blameless in God's sight.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 'My Hope Is Built' No. 368 Vs. 1

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Even in our darkest hours when God seems far away, the grace and mercy of Christ are in our midst when we share greetings of peace in his name. Let us share these gifts with one another by passing the peace of Christ.

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 42: 1-6, 10-17: 1-7

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 10: 46-52

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70