

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

November 17, 2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.
Pastor: For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community with the word and witness of the Gospel,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.
Pastor: For hundreds of children and youth who have been here as they were trained in the ways of the Lord and now serve him around the world,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.
Pastor: And for a free and prospered land that has given us opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

HYMN 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' No. 140 V. 1 & 3

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 'Praise Him, Alleluia' Eugene Butler

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gift giving God, for 100 years we have gathered in this place to share what we are and have. Help us continue this sharing of our time, talent, and treasure. May the gifts we give be gifts of love. May they increase the power of love in the re-creation of the world. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: We go back out into the world to love and serve the world around us,

People: just as we have done for 100 years, so we continue to do so.

Pastor: We go out held in the loving arms of God who creates, redeems, supports, and sustains us.

People: We are not alone! Thanks be to God. Amen.



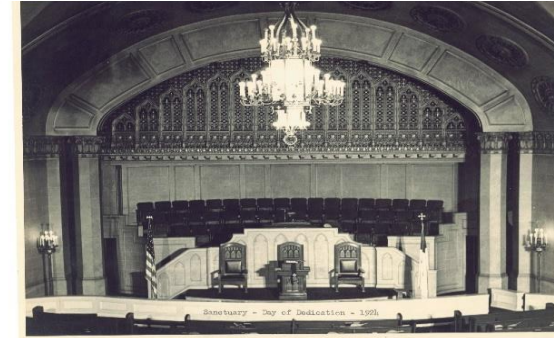
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Danish Amen' No. 898

A-men, a-men, a – men.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 'Onward, Christian Soldiers' No. 575

*POSTLUDE 'Psalm 19' Benedetto Marcello

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD



100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF MIFFLIN AVENUE UMC'S SANCTUARY

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

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

CENTERING WORDS

Pastor: As we worship God today, we sense the presence of a great cloud of witnesses around us. We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,

People: Looking forward to see our path.

Pastor: We honor those who have gone before us,

People: Learning from their successes and failures.

Pastor: We celebrate who we are today,

People: And welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us.

Pastor: We gather to worship God,

People: the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

PRELUDE 'Variation in the Chorale "What God ordains is always good" Johann Pachelbel

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'The Church's One Foundation'

No. 546

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!

Pastor: For 100 years in this sanctuary, God has nurtured and fed us.

People: For 100 years, God has shown us his grace.

Pastor: For 100 years, God has given himself in Word and Sacrament.

People: For 100 years, God has empowered us with his Holy Spirit.

Pastor: For 100 years, God has made us his witnesses in the world.

Pastor: For 100 years, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.

Pastor: Praise the Lord for 100 years! Praise him for 100 more!

People: Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we have gathered here as a church to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this sanctuary. We want to thank you for being faithful to us. You have led us this far and we are grateful from our hearts. Lord God, receive our praise and thanksgiving for the blessings, help, and comfort which you bestowed upon your people in this place from its foundation. Continue, we pray, your many mercies in your church, that we may be conscious at all times of your unchanging love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTROIT

Hand Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM

'Give Me Oil in My Lamp'

Children's Choir

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

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalms 100

No. 821 (Response 1)

*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 13: 1-8

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

'In This Very Room'

Ron & Carol Harris

Solo Emmelia Gaebel & South Ave. Chancel Choir

SERMON

"The Best of Rooms"

Pastor Russel Shuluga

REFLECTONS

A LITANY OF REMEMBERING AND THANKS

Pastor: O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation, and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of origin,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions as pastors and staff members,

People: We remember and give you thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, counsel and sponsor,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For those who have been such a part of our fellowship for so many years, and now serve you in the Church triumphant in heaven,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we have heard, and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

People: For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For a commitment to remain true to your Word in a world of confusing and conflicting voice.