

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

“Love Notices”

Pastor Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As we offer our material gifts in this time of offering, let’s also reflect and rejoice in the time, talents and spiritual gifts with which we are blessed. Let us share abundantly from every aspect of our lives.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, thank you for the gift of your love and the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the gifts we return to you, this day and every day. Help us share as generously with others as you have shared with us, that your love might be known throughout the world. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: As miracles of God, go to be God’s miracle for the world.

People: We are blessed with God’s gifts.

Pastor: Let’s share those gifts with the world.

All: Amen and amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

‘Danish Amen’

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

‘Great Is Thy Faithfulness’

No. 140

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany



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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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

CENTERING WORDS

God's steadfast love endures forever.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

No. 384

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God's faithful love welcomes us here.

People: Thank God for this glorious gift!

Pastor: God's faithful love redeems our lives.

People: Thank God for our many blessings!

Pastor: God's faithful love is ours to share.

People: We will offer this gift to God's world.

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, we come to you from many walks of life. Some of us come after wandering off. Others come sensing that you are as close as their very breath. From our many journeys, welcome us with your love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might sense your presence in our lives. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

INTROIT

'Spirit of the Living God'

No. 393

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

Beloved One, thank you for loving us. Help us sense your steadfast love, even when we feel unsure or unworthy. Help us sense your presence, especially when we are feeling alone. Guide us home when we wander off. Claim us as your delight and your crown of beauty, that we might shine with your love and readily share your gifts with others. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

You are no longer abandoned, deserted, or defeated. In God's steadfast love, and through the Spirit's powerful presence, you are claimed as God's delight. You are gifted to serve God's world with love.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'My Tribute'

No. 99

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The greatest thing we have is the love of God in Christ. Such love is a precious gift, a rare treasure. Share this gift as you offer one another the peace of Christ.

May 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 heart;

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

Isaiah 62:1-5

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. John

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL IS READ

John 2: 1-11

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel is read.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70