

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON

'Are You Happy'

Rev. Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has satisfied the hunger of both our bodies and our souls. Let us share our gifts with all God's creation, that weeping may turn to laughter, and struggle may turn to joy.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, you bless us beyond measure or belief. May the gifts you have poured into our lives overflow, spilling over into the world. May these gifts nourish all who have need. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

People of God, blessed are you.

Go into the world, following the living God—this day and all days. Amen.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'

No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN

'Blest Are They'

TFWS No. 2155
(Refrain only 2X)

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

February 16, 2025

6th 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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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

GATHERING WORDS

Blessed are those who trust the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord. They shall be like trees planted by water, sending out their roots by the stream. They shall not cease to bear fruit.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

No. 519

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Happy are those who delight in God's ways,

People: who set their hearts and minds on the laws of God's love.

Pastor: In the presence of the Holy, they are like trees planted by the waters of life.

People: They are fed by enduring streams, with roots that reach into the depths of the soul.

Pastor: They are nourished in times of drought and bring forth fruit in seasons of famine.

People: Life shall spring forth as they walk each day in the Way of peace.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, when the road is dusty under our feet and we find ourselves engulfed, you share with us the water of life. You plant our spirits by the streams of your Being. You nourish our bodies and replenish our souls. You challenge our minds and guide our hearts. Lead us, again, O God, into your presence with your prayers. Be with us, as your renewing love overflows from our lives and our souls into the world. Amen.

INTROIT

'Lead Me, Guide Me'

TFWS No. 2214 (2X)

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 Mercy, whose presence is ever-living, make us whole. Lay your path before us, for we are easily confused, distracted, blown off course, and lost. In the arid places of our lives—the seasons when our hearts starve and our souls are parched and dry—lead us to your living waters and the nourishment of your ever-flowing streams. Plant us and center us in the core of your mercy, that we might soak up your grace and touch the fullness of your Life, this day and all days. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In every impoverished place, every season of greatest longing, God is with us. In every instance of confusion or conundrum when we cannot find our way, God comes to be our guide. For every moment when our hearts hunger, when our souls thirst and our minds and bodies cry out, God plants us by streams of grace. God overcomes our pain, until there is only life, only love, only joy. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot'

No. 703 V4

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Even in our greatest struggles, Christ says, "Blessed are you, for yours is the kin-dom of God. For all who hunger will be filled. And all who weep will rejoice and laugh."

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 onto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalms 1, 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. Luke.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ

Luke 6:7-16

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70