



Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

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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 a greeter or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

AUGUST 1, 2021
10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:15AM
Order of Worship

CENTERING

PRELUDE

"By Waterside In Babylon"
(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

J. Pachelbel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS:

Pastor: Let your hearts be open to the Lord today.
People: Let our spirits be ready to feel God's power and love.
Pastor: Let go of all the things that bind you in pain and sorrow.
People: Help us to place our trust in God.

HYMN

"Spirit Song" No. 347, v. 1
*O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.*

REFRAIN

*Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

Pastor: Come let us praise the God of love.
People: Let us bring our hearts to God. AMEN

HYMN

"Spirit Song"

No. 347, v. 2

Oh come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.

*Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. REFRAIN*

PRAISING

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT "To God Be the Glory"

No. 98

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As one body of Christ,

People: we gather together this day.

Pastor: Blessed by one Spirit,

People: we gather in unity and love.

OPENING PRAYER

Speak truth to us this day, O God. Speak truth to the most inward parts of our hearts and minds, that we might speak your truth in love and that you might speak of your truth through us each and every day. In your holy name, we pray. AMEN

INTROIT

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

No. 454, v. 3

***Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share,
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!***

ANTHEM

"All Good Gifts"

N. Sleeth

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HEARING

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

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

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"

*GOSPEL LESSON

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 6:24-35

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

"Speaking the Truth in Love"

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

HYMN

"Cleanse Me, O Lord"

Sung to the Tune "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

1. *Cleanse me, O Lord, free me from sin,
O make my spirit pure within.
May I, each deed, with you begin.
O Saviour God, cleanse me, cleanse me.*

6. *Cleanse me, O Lord, of sins you know,
That I, in blindness do not show.
Lord, Spirit-led, help me to grow.
O Saviour God, cleanse me, cleanse me.*

GENERAL CONFESSION

We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We are quick to see the faults of others but slow to acknowledge our own sins and failures. We are good at finding excuses for our bad behavior but not so good at changing. Instead of growing and becoming mature we too often act like spoiled children. Forgive us and help us to use the power of your Spirit to repent and grow. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God created us for good. Trust in God's love and direction for your life. Rejoice in God's forgiveness and share that forgiveness with others.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"How Great Thou Art"

No. 77, v. 3

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Whatever measure of grace and giftedness you have been given, it is enough. From this measure, you are invited to share yourselves with God and with God's world.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

For calling us into ministry with you, we give you thanks and praise, O God. For gracing us with gifts and abundance, we are ever grateful. Bless these gifts we now dedicate to you, that they may nourish others with the grace of your presence. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the God of love and grace.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to bring our thanks and gratitude to you, God of love and grace, author of justice and mercy. Long ago, your prophet Nathan brought your word to David, the king, bringing him to repentance and renewed love of you. In your loving kindness you did not cast him away from your presence but restored to him the joy of your salvation. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

SANCTUS

When the crowds were hungry for miracles, he promised that we who come to him will never be hungry, and we who believe in him will never be thirsty. Holy are you, and blessed is Christ Jesus, the bread of life. With joy and gratitude, we remember that night when Jesus took a simple loaf of bread, broke it, and transformed it with his love, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body, the bread of life, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup, blessing it with gratitude and transforming it with love and grace, saying: "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts of nourishing love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving. Called to be your people and yearning to live worthy of our calling in the unity and peace of your Spirit, and in union with Christ's love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they might become for us the body and blood of Christ. May they strengthen us to live as your people, and may they nourish us with grace for eternal life. By your Spirit, make us one with you, one in unity and peace with each other, and one in the ministry to the world until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

'Give Thanks'

TFWS No. 2036

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

In the Spirit of peace, we go into the world. May we share the unity and love we have found here that others may touch the presence of Christ's peace, and the grace of God's love.

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Danish Amen"

No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN

"Grace Alone"

TFWS No. 2162

POSTLUDE

"Let Your Light So Shine"

T. Birchwood

'WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD'