

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAIMING

SERMON

“Listening Ears”

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Every generous act of giving, as with every perfect gift, is from above. May God’s word of truth, implanted within us at birth, bloom in acts of loving faithfulness. May that word shape our lives so that we become doers of the word, using God’s gifts for all.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of light and beauty, every gift is from you. Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love. We offer you what we have and what we are. Use our gifts to give birth to a world of righteousness where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go as Christ’s beloved.
People: **We go as the family of God.**
Pastor: Go as gifts of the Spirit.
Pastor: **We go in spirit and in truth.**



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Danish Amen”

No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

No. 671

*POSTLUDE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

P. Benjamin

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!



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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.

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Order of Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

“God Is In My Heart”

L.A. Warriner

(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN

Pastor: Lord, we lift up the people of Afghanistan to you right now.

People: We pray that you would take hold of them and help them walk through this fearful time. Protect them under your wing and help them feel the comfort and peace that only comes from your powerful presence.

Pastor So many people who have called this place their home have been displaced because of this event.

People: Remind them, Lord, that their true home is in you. Give them courage to stand strong in their faith and be a strong witness for you. Also, be with those who do not believe in you – help them to see the peace in your followers and allow the Holy Spirit to stir in their hearts as they live this tragedy. AMEN.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

HYMN This Is My Song No. 437

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” No. 103, vs. 1 & 4

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God has given us this day for praise!

People: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

Pastor: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

People: Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

Pastor: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

**People: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love.
AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

INTROIT “There's Something About That Name” No. 171

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us come to the One who offers the Bread of Life, the promise of redemption, and the grace of forgiveness.

GENERAL CONFESSION

God of justice and righteousness, your call beckons to us: to live faithful lives, to turn from wickedness, to walk in your ways; yet it is so easy to turn aside: to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need, to strike out in anger, to forget your ways. Forgive us. Implant your word in our hearts, and cleanse us from all evil. By the power of your love, save our souls, that we might faithfully serve you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's word has the power to save your soul. God has anointed you with gladness. You are forgiven to live in joy.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 140, v. 3

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 James 1:17-27

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 Mark

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23