

**\* Postlude**

“Blessing and Honor”

Carl Simone

\* *Members of the congregation stand if able.*

# Mentor United Methodist Church

## Order of Worship

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November 11, 2018

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian church.

### GATHERING

**Prelude**

“Festive Trumpet Tune”  
Amy Bender, organist

David German

Altar flowers are presented by Ben Sherman  
in loving memory of Noile Sherman, wife and best friend,  
and Brandon Sherman, grandson.

If you would like to order flowers in memory of loved ones, to celebrate an anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-255-5899.

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Presentation of God’s Holy Word**

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.  
If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

### Welcome & Announcements

### Recognition of Veterans

**\* Call to Worship** Rev. Kurt Landerholm, Liturgist

Leader: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.

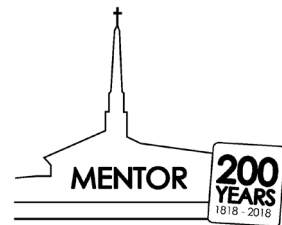
**People: Members of God’s family, and brothers and sisters to one another.**

Leader: There are no outsiders here among us.

**People: No one has any special standing or bragging rights.**

Leader: We have all been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

**People: Let us all join together in worship!**



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**\* Prayer (Unison)**

Jesus, you said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." Today we pray for those men and women who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health and even their lives on this earth to benefit 'friends,' known and unknown. Help us to remember the sacrifice of others as we worship you in freedom and strength.

**\* Opening Hymn 698** "God Of The Ages" NATIONAL HYMN

**Reception of New Members**

Received into 9:00 AM Traditional  
Carol Burhenne Virginia Gilman

Received into 11:00 AM iConnect  
Ken & Fran Gainer Jamie Gazso  
Barbara Jacobs Ryan Stephens

**Anthem** 9:00 "The Journey Home" Paul A. McKlveen  
Canticle Bells; Tracy Paroubek, clarinet; Jake Szabo, percussion

11:00 "There Will I Be" Craig Courtney  
Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading** New Testament page 714 Mark 8:31-38  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** The Wesleyan Way: A Faith That Matters Rev. Bruce Becker  
"Invite Others"

**Response to the Word**

**\* Hymn 261** "Lord Of The Dance" LORD OF THE DANCE

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Morning Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory** 9:00 "Milele" Jason Krug  
Canticle Bells

11:00 "Festival Sanctus" John Leavitt  
Chancel Choir

**\* Doxology** UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THANKSGIVING**

**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\* Hymn 415** "Take Up Thy Cross" GERMANY

**\* Choral Benediction**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

The Order for Reception into Mentor United Methodist Church (9:00)

Dearly beloved,  
The Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of His Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.

These persons who are to be confirmed have received the Sacrament of Baptism, have also been instructed in the teachings of the Church, and are now ready to profess publicly the faith in which they were baptized.

Do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that you made, or that was made in your name, at your Baptism?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and pledge your allegiance to His kingdom?

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Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

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Do you promise according to the grace given you to live a Christian life and always remain a faithful member of Christ's holy Church?

**I do.**

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

**I will.**

I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into membership of Mentor United Methodist Church. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregational Response (in unison)

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