

Mentor United Methodist Church

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

The liturgical color is white, signifying the purity, holiness and virtue of Christ, as well as respect and reverence.

GATHERING

Prelude Amy Bender, organist

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

*** Call to Worship** Jennifer Lam, Liturgist

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

People: **We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: **we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: **as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

People: **we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

People: **we proclaim the God of Hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship together

People: **and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.**

*** Prayer (unison)**

Lord God, thank You for Your Church and the opportunity to come together in worship. We come seeking You and anticipating that You have called us to know You and to make You known. Speak to us today, we are ready to listen. In Christ. Amen

*** Opening Hymn 89** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

Baptism (see insert)

Anthem "Majesty" arr. Jack Schrader
Charter Members

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading New Testament pages 769, 774

John 20:24-31; Acts 5:27-32

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Witness to What?" Rev. Kurt Landerholm

Response to the Word

*** Hymn 572** "Pass It On" PASS IT ON

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 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" arr. Jack Schrader
Charter Members

*** 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!**

Altar flowers are provided by Carol Haines
in loving memory of Jacque Haines.

Pulpit flowers are provided by Do Gair
in memory of Stuart Gair, husband, father, grandfather.

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 593** "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD

* 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.**

* Postlude

** Members of the congregation stand if able.*

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(11:00) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Eleanor Elizabeth Hertvik born March 8, 2018
Daughter of Gregory and Amanda Hertvik

The Pastor Addresses the Parents:

Gregory and Amanda, on behalf of the whole church I ask you, do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?

Gregory and Amanda, will you nurture Eleanor Elizabeth in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

The Pastor Addresses the Congregation:

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Response: **We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child and her parents, now before you in your care?

Response: **With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Pastor: Eleanor Elizabeth Hertvik, I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

Response: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we pledge to surround you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the Mentor United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**