

Mentor United Methodist Church

January 20, 2019

Second Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord.

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

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

Leader: We gather to worship God,

People: Who creates us and loves us;

Leader: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

People: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Leader: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

People: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

Leader: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

People: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

Leader: We gather to worship God.

People: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

* **Opening Hymn 545** "The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

Anthem 9:00

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Thomas J. Williams/arr. Molly James

Judy Elias, flute

11:00

"On Faith Alone"

Chancel Choir

Tom Fettke

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

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Matthew 15:21-28

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Guess Who's Coming for Dinner?" Rev. Kurt Landerholm

Response to the Word

Confession and Pardon (unison)

God, who created and loves all people, we come before you today confessing the sin of racism in our country, our church and in ourselves.

Forgive us for our part in it, for the ways we have contributed to the oppression of others whether knowingly or unknowingly.

We want to be different and for our nation to be different, but it is hard when we face the injustice of institutions as well as the prejudice in ourselves.

Help us to see the reality of racism and bigotry wherever it exists and to have the courage to challenge it. Through your Holy Spirit, may we be given the grace and power to change within ourselves bringing love and justice to the world.

Through the name of your son, Jesus, who came for all people, Amen.

* **Hymn 549**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ST. PETER

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	"Morceau de Concour" Judy Elias, flute	Gabriel Faure
11:00	"Mercy" Chancel Choir	Craig Courtney

* Doxology

**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!**

UMH 94

THANKSGIVING

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn 114

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

KATHERINE

* 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.*

Altar flowers are provided by Linda Brown and family
in memory of Rita P. Stuckert.

Pulpit flowers are provided by Bob Linsell, Sr., Vicki,
Danette, Bob, Jr. and Lance
in honor of Sandy Linsell.

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