



Mentor United Methodist Church

May 26, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

GATHERING

Prelude "Mansions of the Lord" arr. Harlan Ricketts
Men's Ensemble

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" with
"America" arr. Janet Linker
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 and Announcements

*** Call to Worship** Paula Langdon, Liturgist
I am not afraid of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

*** Prayer** (unison)

Lord, we praise and honor You as the giver of good news. May we worship You today and honor You as the God of grace and glory. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn 717** "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Baptism 11:00 See Insert

A Litany from The Book of Worship for United States Forces (1974)
(One-time permission to print and use this litany in congregational worship has been granted by The Armed Forces Chaplains' Board, Washington, D.C.)

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: We Give You Thanks, O God.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

People: We Give You Thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

People: We Give You Thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

People: We Give You Thanks, O God.

Leader: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

Anthem "Song For The Unsung Hero" Joseph M. Martin
Men's Ensemble

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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Acts 16:6-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "If Then, Why Not Now?" Rev. Kurt Landerholm

Response to the Word (unison prayer)

Great Redeemer, make us more bold to proclaim the Gospel today. Give us eyes to see those who are waiting to be told. Fill us up with your Spirit so that we will not be ashamed but will gladly proclaim the story of Jesus. Fill our lives with His transforming power so that we might share it with passion and others will know of your grace. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

* **Hymn 393** "Spirit of the Living God" LIVING GOD

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 "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones" arr. Keith Christopher
Men's Ensemble

* **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!**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

THANKSGIVING

* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING FORTH

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

* **Pastoral Benediction**

* **Postlude** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" with
"America the Beautiful" arr. Janet Linker

* *Members of the congregation stand if able.*

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in loving memory of Howard Irish, husband, father and grandfather.

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11:00 The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Lilliana Leigh Vitantonio born April 25, 2013
John and Julie Vitantonio, Guardians and Grandparents

The Pastor Addresses the Grandparents:

John and Julie, 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?

John and Julie, will you nurture Lilliana Leigh 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 grandparents, 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: Lilliana Leigh Vitantonio, 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.**

Remembering our Fallen Heroes on Memorial Day

Graydon Adams, brother of June Sydow. Died in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. He was in a medical unit in the Army.

Ronald K. Dycks, Army, brother of Willie Dycks. Died July 1969 in Vietnam.

Sgt. Ralph R. Landon, cousin of Jack Corlett. Died April 13, 1945. After fighting in North Africa, Sicily, and France, he was killed in Germany by an SS Trooper who he gave a break to. What a waste. The war ended three weeks later.

Ralph "Ron" Markell, Seaman 1st Class, US Navy, brother of Marjorie Thompson. Died in World War II on the USS Pecos on March 1, 1942 in the Java Sea.

Michael T. Mignogna, US Army Air Corps, uncle of Jim Mignogna. Died August 20, 1944, in a B 29 Super Fortress on a bombing mission over Japan. The entire crew perished in the engagement.

Brian Paul Montgomery, Lance Corporal, Marine Corps Reserves, son of Paul and Loren Montgomery. He was part of 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines (commonly known as "3/25") based in Brookpark, Ohio. He was deployed to Al Anbar Province near Hit, Iraq on a mission to protect the Haditha Dam, which supplies about one-third of the electrical power to Iraq. He was part of a 3-man sniper team. On August 1, 2005, while co-located with another 3-man sniper team, they were ambushed and all six were killed by small-arms fire. Brian had turned 26 years old on June 8, 2005; his son, Alexander, turned one year old on August 3, 2005.

William Morgan, uncle of Ruth Alpin. Died in World War II.

Aaron Thomas Nemelka PFC, cousin of Joe and Karen Nemelka. Died in the attack at Fort Hood, Texas in 2009. He was 18 and had just graduated from high school.

Carl Proegler, younger brother of John Proegler. Died in Vietnam.