Mentor United Methodist Church
Order of Worship

October 28, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian church.

GATHERING

Prelude
“Two Chorale Preludes on ‘Ein’ Feste Burg”   Walther, Pachelbel
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 are God’s church:
People: We come together to worship.
Leader: He has filled us with his power:
People: We go out to bring others to him.
Leader: He has called us into his family:
People: We come together to share our lives.
Leader: He has given us his Spirit:
People: We come together to celebrate.
Leader: We are God’s church:
People: We come together to worship.

* Prayer

* Opening Hymn 545 “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Madelynn Rose Georger, born April 24, 2018
Daughter of Michael and Ashley Georger

* 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.

* Postlude
“Fantasia on ‘Old Hundreth’” Gordon Young

* Members of the congregation stand if able.

Altar flowers are presented by Doris Sturm
in loving memory of Richard Sturm and Sarah Fatic.

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.
The Pastor Addresses the Parents:

Michael and Ashley, 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?

Michael and Ashley, will you nurture Madelynn Rose 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: Madelynn Rose, 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.

The various elements of worship will be incorporated in the message this morning.

Sermon The Wesleyan Way: A Faith That Matters
“The Journey Together”
Acts 2:1-21; 41-47
Rev. Kurt Landerholm

* Hymn 539 “O Spirit of the Living God” FOREST GREEN

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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.

HYMN 557 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” DENNIS

Special Music Michael Card

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Michael Card

* 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!