

Mentor United Methodist Church

November 18, 2018

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

GATHERING

Prelude Amy Bender, organist
"Now Thank We All Our God"
Kaufmann

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

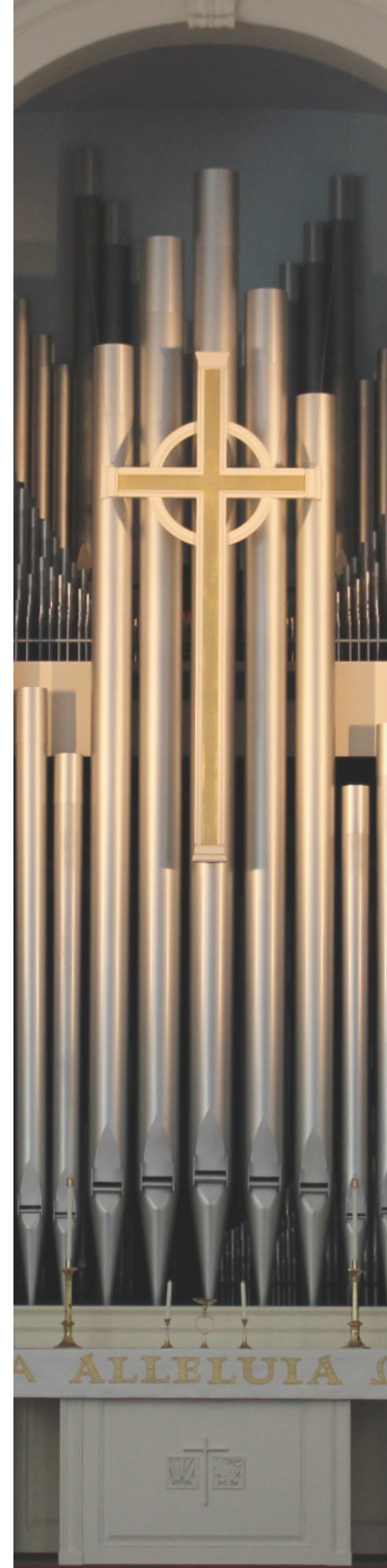
* **Call to Worship** Rev. Beverly Wrobel, Liturgist
(unison)

**Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord! (Psalm 117)**

Altar flowers are presented by Marty Ellsworth
in loving memory of Terry Ellsworth, from his family and friends.

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.

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*** Prayer (Unison)**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the beauty and wonder of your great creation. We praise you for the wonderful things you have given to us: for the beautiful sun, for the rain, which makes things grow, for the sea and the sky, for the flowers and the birds, and for all your gifts to us. Everything around us rejoices. Make us also to rejoice, and give us thankful hearts. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn 694** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Anthem "Simple Gifts" arr. Stephen Caracciolo
Men's Ensemble

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sermon The Wesleyan Way: A Faith That Matters Rev. Kurt Landerholm
"Christ"
Romans 8

Response to the Word

Commitment Time

During the singing of the hymns, you will be invited to come forward and place your 2019 stewardship/ In THIS House commitment card on the communion rail. We not only come to commit our gifts, but come committing our lives to Christ and to His Church. Come up the center aisle and return on the side aisles. If you would like to spend time at the communion rail in prayer, you are invited to do so.

*** Commitment Hymns**

399 "Take My Life and Let It Be"
534 "Be Still, My Soul"

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 "Those Who Love And Those Who Labor" Richard Horn
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!

THANKSGIVING

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 525** "We'll Understand It Better By and By" BY AND BY

*** Pastoral Benediction** UMH 531

*** Postlude** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Post

** Members of the congregation stand if able.*