

Mentor United Methodist Church

November 25, 2018

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

GATHERING

Prelude "Simple Gifts" Dale Wood
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

Reflection **Psalm 136**

*** Call to Worship** Rev. Beverly Wrobel
Psalm 136 page 443

Response: His love endures forever.

* Prayer (unison)

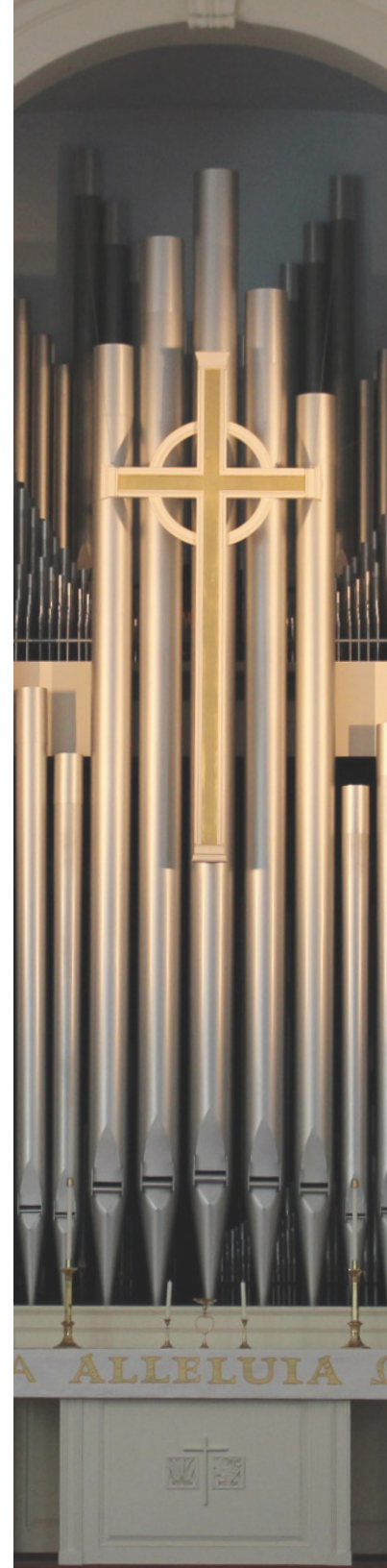
**Thank You, Father, that You are the faithful, good
and righteous God. You are the Lord who always
keeps your promises. You are the God who is
gracious and merciful in salvation, even as You are
just in Your judgments.**

**We thank you for your faithfulness from the
beginning and throughout the centuries; You have
always kept Your promises, Your plans for our
salvation have been unwavering. Through Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

Altar flowers are presented by Deb and Dale Lewis
in loving memory of Betty Klein, mother and grandmother,
and also presented by Mike and Kathy Fellows
in loving memory of Ray and Vonnie Watson, parents and grandparents.

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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(11:00) See Insert **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**
Joshua James Maimone, born June 23, 2018
Son of Michael and Courtney Maimone

Jude Richard Ivancic, born April 3, 2018
Son of Nicholas and Danielle Ivancic

* **Opening Hymn 162** "Alleluia, Alleluia" ALLELUIA NO. 1

Reflection "Thanksgiving from Time and Eternity"

Silent Prayer of Gratitude

Scripture Reading New Testament page 834 Colossians 3:15-17

Special Music "Gabriel's Oboe" Ennio Morricone
 Jeff Kish, oboe
 In loving memory of Judy Smith

* **Hymn 92** (v. 1,2,5,6) "For The Beauty of the Earth" DIX

Reflection "The Beauty and Plenty of Creation"

* **Hymn 62** (v. 1-4) "All Creatures of Our God and King" LAST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of Gratitude (In small groups or privately)

Pastoral Prayer

Reflection "Thanksgiving in a UNITED States"

* **Hymn 696** "America the Beautiful" MATERNA

Prayer (In small groups)

Reflection "The Attitude of Gratitude"

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Jeff Kish, oboe

* **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!

* **Hymn 131** "We Gather Together" KREMSER

Reflection "We Give Thanks in All Circumstances"

* **Hymn 694** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" St. George's Windsor

* **Pastoral Benediction**

* **Postlude** "Now Thank We All Our God" Post

* *Members of the congregation stand if able.*

The Pastor Addresses the Parents:

Michael and Courtney/ Nicholas and Danielle 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 Courtney/ Nicholas and Danielle, will you nurture Joshua James/Jude Richard in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his 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 these children and their 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 these families 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: Joshua James/Jude Richard, 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 these children to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them 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.**

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