

Mentor United Methodist Church



August 22, 2021
11 AM Traditional Service
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude

"Allegro" from Concerto in A Major

John Stanley/
arr. Hal Hopson

Amy Bender, organist

Welcome

Rev. Barbara Holzhauser, Liturgist

Call to Worship

One: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith

Many: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

One: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

Many: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

One: We come for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers, in that family called love:

Many: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

(Courtesy of Thom Shuman)

Opening Prayer

God of justice and peace, bring your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits that we might see the glorious opportunities we have to serve you. Help us to see that following your mandate to feed the hungry, bring nourishment to those who thirst, offer clothing to those in need, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, welcome the stranger – any activity of service as an act of great privilege and joy. We praise you for the light of your son, Jesus Christ, who boldly bids us care for each other and become those who would bring good news of peace for all. Amen.

(Courtesy of Ministry Matters)

* Hymn 589

"The Church of Christ, In Every Age"

Time of 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.

* Congregation invited to stand if able.

Announcements

Offertory

"And Can It Be"
Carrie Domonkos, soloist

arr. Dan Forrest

* 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

* Hymn of Preparation 581 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

Scripture

Matthew 25: 34 - 40

Sermon

The I in Why: Welcome

Rev. Mikayla Doecker

* Hymn 396

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

* Benediction

* Benediction Sung Response

"Go Now in Peace"

**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

"Jubilation"

George Frideric Handel/
arr. Hal Hopson

Altar flowers are presented by Linda Brown and family
in memory of Henry W. Brown, husband, father, and grandfather.

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