

Mentor United Methodist Church



September 12, 2021
9 AM and 11 AM Traditional Service
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude

"Prelude in Classic Style"
Amy Bender, organist

Gordon Young

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us consider it pure joy to know the Lord.

People: Even in times of trial and testing our faith enables us to persevere.

Leader: Let perseverance finish its work so that we may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

People: Even if we lack wisdom, God gives generously to all who call on God's name.

Leader: Let us believe and not doubt the goodness of the Lord.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. With your unfailing love, empower us to press on through the challenges of life that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. May your favor rest upon us, O Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

* Hymn 89

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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.

Anthem

"Hallelujah! Thine the Glory"
Chancel Choir

Mary McDonald

Announcements

* Congregation invited to stand if able.

Offertory

"I Am Not My Own"
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

* **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 128 vs. 1** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

Scripture

Philippians 3: 12 - 14

Sermon

Recapturing Church
Regather: Pressing On

Rev. Sondra Snode

* **Hymn 733**

"Marching to Zion"

* **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**

"Festival Postlude"

Domenico Zipoli

Altar flowers are presented by Kim and Dana Ludwig
in memory of Gloria and Jack Meyer, parents, grandparents, and
Grandparents Helen Meyer and Howard and Fanny Ulch, and Jack Ulch.

Pulpit flowers are presented by Rob Lewis
in memory of Uncle Herman Weiss.

Lectern flowers are presented by Kurt Hinkley.

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offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-255-5899.

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