

## RESPONSE

During the singing of the hymns, you will be invited to come forward and place your 2020 stewardship 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.

- \* HYMN 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"
- 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
- 402 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

### \* Prayer of Commitment

#### \* 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.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

- \* **Postlude** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Piet Post

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

Pulpit flowers are presented in memory of Bill and Fran Starrett  
and in honor of Bill's birthday,  
from their children, Sue and Bill.

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  
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## Mentor United Methodist Church

November 17, 2019

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth  
in the Christian church.

## GATHERING

**Prelude** "The Gift To Be Simple" 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 and Announcements

**\* Opening Prayer** (St. Thomas, Italy, 13th century)

**Give us, O Lord,  
steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward,  
unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out,  
upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.**

**Give us, O Lord our God,  
understanding to know you, diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that embraces you;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* Opening Hymn 529** "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

**Anthem** "They Need to Hear It From You" Blackley & Drennan  
Charter Members

### PROCLAMATION

**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.**

*\* Members of the congregation stand if able.*

### Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

**Offertory** "By Faith" arr. Richard A. Nichols

**\* 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 381** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

**(9:00) Baptismal Covenant** see insert

**Scripture Reading** Colossians 1:24 - 2:5 New Testament page 833

**Leader:** The Word of God for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** The Missing Piece Rev. Sondra Snode

Baptismal Covenant  
June Marie Schuetz

Congregational Response

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**We will surround June and her 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.**

Baptismal Prayer

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