

Mentor United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018

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

GATHERING

Prelude

"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"
Amy Bender, organist

Walther

Lighting of the Candles

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.

Presentation of God's Holy Word

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship

Rev. Beverly Wrobel, Liturgist

Leader: The work of the Creator is visible.

People: Let us respond with praise.

Leader: The example of Jesus is apparent.

People: Let us respond with obedience.

Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

People: Let us respond with joy.

Leader: The word of God is calling.

People: Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

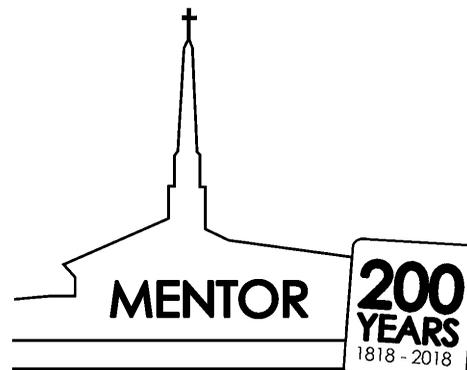
* Prayer (unison)

**Dear Father,
Quieten our minds. Still our hearts. For your living ways are all we seek.
Strengthen our lives. Inspire our spirits. In your living waters flow endless
grace. Amen.**

Altar flowers are presented by Trudy, Bill and Brad Boergert
in loving memory of husband and grandparents.

Pulpit flowers are presented in celebration of the Marriage Vow Renewal.

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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* **Opening Hymn 185** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” LAUDES DOMINI

Baptism 11:00 (see insert) Mackenzie Elizabeth Sutton

Worship Through Music “Scherzo No. 1” Matteo Consoli
Gayle Kish and Tracy Paroubek, clarinets

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading New Testament page 879 Revelation 22:7-15
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Dog Days of Summer Rev. Kurt Landerholm
“Learning a Few Good Dog Tricks”

Confession and Pardon (unison)

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. Sometimes we fail to love, or protect others; we lack courage and we give up too easily. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

* **Hymn 514** “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” WEBB

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 “Allegro” Benedetto Marcello
Gayle Kish and Tracy Paroubek, clarinets

* **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 338 (vs. 1,4)** “Where He Leads Me” NORRIS

* **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** “Psalm of Joy” George Blake

* *Members of the congregation stand if able.*

(11:00) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Mackenzie Elizabeth Sutton born August 12, 2018
Daughter of Jeffrey & Ashley Sutton

The Pastor Addresses the Parents:

Jeffrey & Ashley, 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?

Jeffrey & Ashley, will you nurture Mackenzie Elizabeth in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her 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 this child and her 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 this 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.**

Pastor: Mackenzie Elizabeth Sutton, 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 this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her 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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