

Mentor United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Sunday altar flowers are presented by Karl Smith
in loving memory of wife Judy.

Worship 7:30 PM

Thursday, August 23, 2018

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

GATHERING

Prelude

"Thy Word"
Carol Haines, pianist

Smith & Grant

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

* Call to Worship

Sherry Gallagher, Liturgist

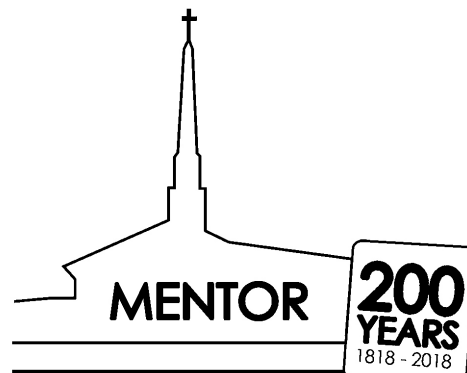
Leader: Following Jesus is difficult. So many things have laid claim to our lives.

People: We don't know if we can let go and truly follow him.

Leader: Lord, search our hearts and speak to our spirits. Encourage us to freely follow you.

People: Help us to be dependable disciples, joyfully proclaiming your transforming power and love.

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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*** Prayer** (unison)

Lord, we come before you today and we thank You for all the blessings that You have given us. Many times our lives are so full of busy work that we neglect our relationship with You, for that we are sorry. We know that You never neglect us, for if You did our very lives would cease to be. Continue to pull us to Yourself, guide us in our journey, and hold us close in Your bosom until the day we come home to be with You forever. Be with us now as we gather in Your name, may we feel your presence among us. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn 378** "Amazing Grace" AMAZING GRACE

Worship Through Music "Thy Word" Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith
Tammy Palermo

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading New Testament page 70 Luke 9:59-62
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message "Follow Me" Sean O'Neil

Confession and Pardon (unison)

Lord, so often we feel we can live our lives divided between obedience and sin. Too often we have chosen to stray after the ways of sin forgetting or ignoring our commitment to be Your obedient children. Forgive us, Lord, and thank You for not giving up on us. Renew our faith, Lord, and help us grow to be more obedient with each passing day. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*** Hymn 400** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Lord, we want to follow you wherever you lead. Reach out to us this day, stirring our souls and spirits with the winds of your power that we may faithfully be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

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 "One Day" Hewitt, Redman, Redman, & Jarman
Tammy Palermo

*** 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 419** "I Am Thine, O Lord" I AM THINE

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude** "How Majestic Is Your Name" Michael W. Smith

** Members of the congregation stand if able.*