

# Mentor United Methodist Church

## Order of Worship

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

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

### GATHERING

#### Prelude

"Prelude in Classic Style"  
Amy Bender, organist

Gordon Young

#### 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

Rev. Beverly Wrobel, Liturgist

Leader: We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.

**People: May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.**

Leader: Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

**People: We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.**

Leader: As we grow in faith, trust and love for God;

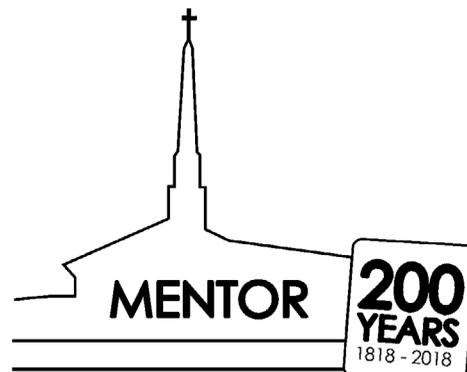
**People: may our worship, witness and service bring honor to God's Holy Name.**

#### \* Prayer (unison)

**God of all creation and creatures, who in love made an everlasting covenant with us, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you. We have been willful and prideful. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us. Return us from the wilderness to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Altar flowers are presented by Debi, Dale, & Mallory Lewis and Jason, Tiffany, Colin, & Teagan Hughes, in loving memory of Tyrel Lewis, son, brother and uncle.

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 384** "Love Divine, All Loves Exceeding" BEECHER

**Anthem** 9:00 Tammy Palermo, soloist

11:00 "Great Is the Lord"  
Chancel Choir arr. Bruce Greer

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**Scripture Reading** New Testament page 740 Luke 15:11-24  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Lost Chapter of the Bible Rev. Bruce Becker  
Lost Son

**Response to the Word**

**Confession and Pardon**

**\* Hymn 123** (sing twice) "El Shaddai" EL SHADDAI

**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** 9:00 Tammy Palermo, soloist

11:00 "Speak, O Lord"  
Chancel Choir arr. Mary McDonald

**\* 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 140** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

**\* 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** "Festival Postlude" D. Zipoli

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