

Mentor United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

September 30, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING

Prelude "Evocation on 'Finlandia'" Frederick Steffen
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 & Announcements

*** Call to Worship** (11:00) Rev. Beverly Wrobel

Leader: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.

People: God created all that is!

Leader: We celebrate that great love of God.

People: God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad today!

People: Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings. Amen.

*** Prayer** (unison)

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*** Postlude** "Scherzo/Toccata on 'Come, Thou Font'" Frederick Steffen

* *Members of the congregation stand if able.*

Altar flowers are presented
in appreciation of Amy Bender
for her huge contribution to the church.

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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(11:00) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Jacob Scott Bencar born June 18, 2018
Son of Joseph and Gretchen Bencar

The Pastor Addresses the Parents:

Joseph & Gretchen, 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?

Joseph & Gretchen will you nurture Jacob Scott in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his 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 his 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: Jacob Scott Bencar, 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 his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him 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.**