

The liturgical color is green for growth & mission

PRELUDE Scherzo/Toccata on "Come, Thou Fount" Frederick Steffen
Amy Bender, organist

CHORAL INTROIT "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Arr. Bradley Ellingboe
Charter Members Men's Choir

WELCOME Paul Montgomery, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all who seek the presence of God! Expect the unexpected, for our God is full of surprises!

We come with open hearts, ready to be amazed by God's power and grace.

Paul and Silas were imprisoned, but God shook the very foundations of their captivity.

Chains were broken, doors were opened—God's freedom is greater than any prison!

The jailer thought all was lost, but God's mercy turned his despair into joy.

We, too, are called to witness God's surprising grace in our lives!

So let us worship the God who brings light in the darkness, hope in despair, and salvation in the most unexpected ways!

With joy and wonder, we lift our voices in praise! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN** "Stand By Me" UMH 512

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER

God of surprises, give us eyes to see and ears to hear so that we will be able to recognize Your divine work in our midst. Keep our sights on You so that our faith does not waiver when life brings the unexpected. When the storms of life are raging, remind us to stand by You. Use this hour of worship to surprise us again with Your transforming grace. Amen

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

SCRIPTURE Acts 16:16-19, p. 784

ANTHEM "God Is My Rock" Allen Pote
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

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.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Shalom" Dan Forrest
Charter Members Men's Choir

***DOXOLOGY #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**

MUSIC "Footsteps" Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE Acts 16:20-34, p. 784

MESSAGE "You're Not the Boss of Me:
Redefining Emotions Through Faith - Surprise"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

HYMN OF MISSION "And Can It Be" UMH 363

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"
**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.**

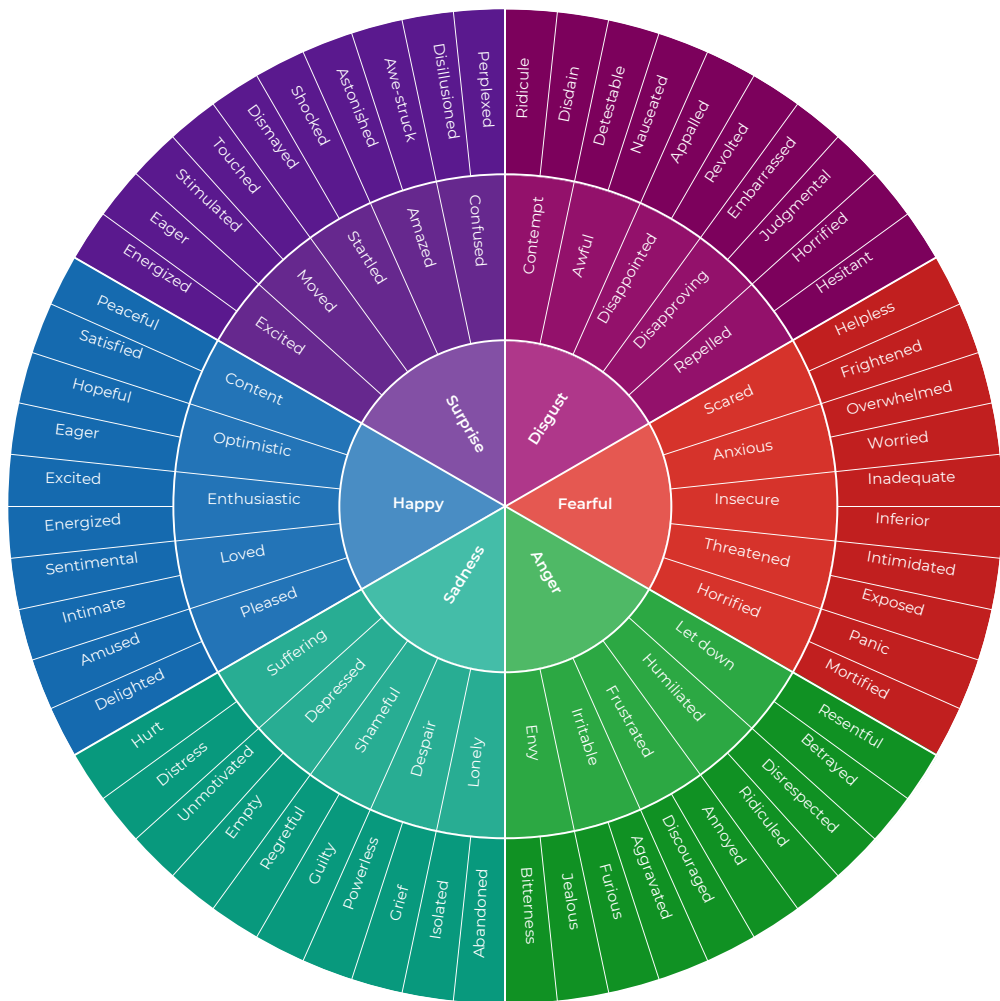
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POSTLUDE "Toccata in e minor" Pachelbel

*Opening Prayer and Prayer of Dedication written by Pastor Steve
Call to Worship - written with assistance from ChatGPT*

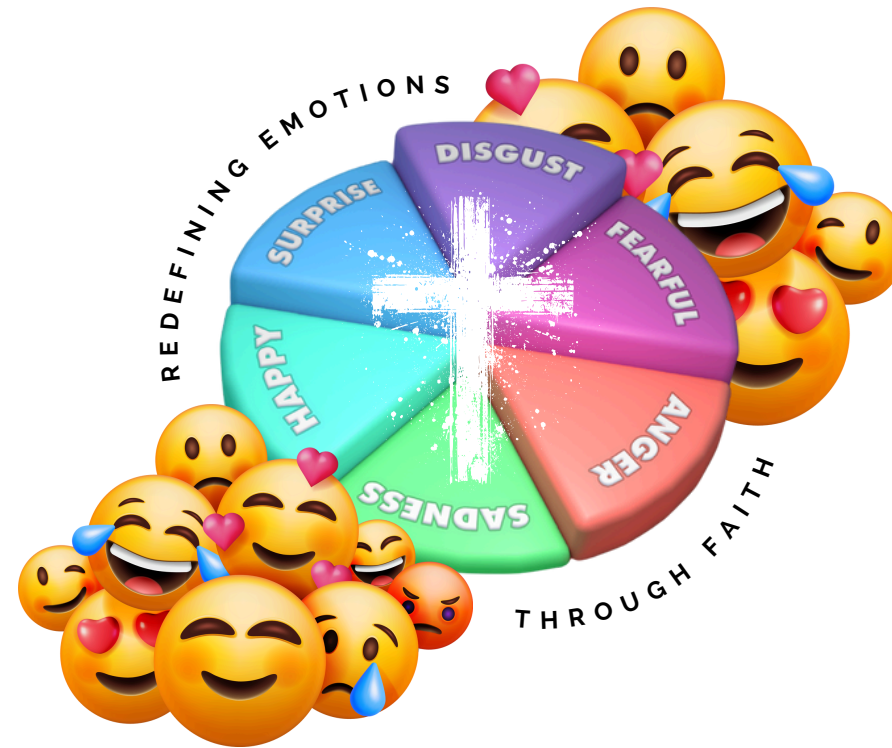
Altar Flowers are presented by Linda Beidle
In Memory of all my friends in Heaven

*There are openings for flowers in February;
please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*



Traditional Worship

January 26, 2025



At Mentor United Methodist Church, our mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship through connection & love.

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