

The liturgical color is purple for Preparation and penitence.

PRELUDE "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Dale Wood

WELCOME Michael Fournier, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, beloved of God, to a table prepared not for the proud or the privileged, but for the humble and the open-hearted.

We come to receive and to give, to welcome and be welcomed, to share God's abundant grace.

Jesus calls us to extend hospitality beyond our comfort zones, inviting those who cannot repay, welcoming the poor, the hurting, and the forgotten.

We come to follow Christ's example, opening our hearts to all, knowing that in God's kingdom, all are honored guests.

Come, let us worship the One who invites us to the feast of love.

We come with gratitude, ready to serve and to be transformed. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593

Hymn History: The words and music of this hymn were written by Dan Schotte. He was born in 1947 in Neenah, Wisconsin. Schotte graduated from Marquette University and entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He wrote contemporary songs set to sacred texts sung in English following the modernizing of the Roman Catholic Mass at the Second Vatican Council. Schotte left the Society of Jesus in 1986 and continues to write liturgical songs, many of which are now used by Christians of all denominations. His most popular is the hymn we sing today. The inspiration of the lyrics is from the 1 Samuel 3 where the Lord calls for Samuel. He answers "Here I am Lord". Schotte is currently the Composer-in Residence at the University of San Francisco.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Leviticus 19:33-34 CEB, p. 85 | Luke 14:12-14 NIV, p. 739

ANTHEM "All My Sins Been Taken Away" Traditional Spiritual arr. Charter Members Men's Choir Robert Townsend

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 "When Jesus Wept" Philip L. Roberts

***DOXOLOGY #95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN OF CENTERING "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" UMH 339

SCRIPTURE Luke 7:36-50, p. 730

MESSAGE "Dinner with Jesus: Intention"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION** "The Summons" TFWS 2130

***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 "Prelude in f minor" Leon Boellmann

Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT

Traditional Worship

March 23, 2025

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

Altar Flowers are presented by Chris Fletcher
In Loving Memory of Grandparents,
Jim & Jane Klingenberger, and Carl & Bertha Roof

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485



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John Shetler, Carol Anderson

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Tapestry - Gloria McFeely

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Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

Village of St. Edward - Dale Porter

Holly Hill - Floyd Richard

UPCOMING

WHAT'S HAPPENING
THIS WEEK?

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- Sunday School
- Middle School Sunday School
- Martin Journey Group

Monday, March 24

- Parents Morning Out
- Carr Journey Group

Tuesday, March 25

- Ring Journey Group
- Disciple 1 Fast Track
- Young Adult Group
- Modern Worship Meeting
- SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, March 26

- McFadden Journey Group
- Vick Journey Group
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- Food Distribution
- Child & Caregiver Class
- Knitting Group
- **Dinner With Jesus**
 - 5:45 PM Dinner
 - 6:30 Classes

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- Choir Rehearsals
- Disciple 1 AND Disciple 2

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