

The liturgical color is white for the 2nd Sunday of Easter



PRELUDE

"Spring" from The Four Seasons
Amy Bender, organist

Vivaldi/Hopson

WELCOME

Paul Montgomery, liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has seen the suffering of the people. God has heard their cries and knows their pain.

In every time and place, God draws near to the hurting and the overlooked.

Jesus comes among us, proclaiming good news to the poor, release to the captive, and freedom for the oppressed.

This is the story we are invited into—a story that does not turn away from harm, but moves through it toward hope.

So come—bring your wounds, your questions, your longing.

Come and listen for God's call. Come and be part of the good news unfolding.

Let us worship the God who sees, who hears, and who sends us from harm toward hope.

*OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

UMH 157

OPENING PRAYER

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:7-10 NRSV, p. 41

ANTHEM

"Beautiful Savior"
Canticle Bell Choir

Van Kley

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL 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.

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.

OFFERTORY

"The Holy Heart"
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

*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

*HYMN OF CENTERING "When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee" UMH 263
verses 1, 6, 7

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:7-10 NRSV, p. 726

MESSAGE

"From Harm to Hope: Invite"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

*HYMN OF MISSION

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57
verses 1-5

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written in 1739 by Charles Wesley following a bout with pleurisy. His recovery led to a renewal of his Christian faith. The original hymn had eighteen stanzas. The first stanza in the hymn we sing today was number seven in the original. The words have been put to many different pieces of music over the years. The hymn we sing is based on the hymn song Azmon written by Carl Glaser and arranged by Lowell Mason. Charles Wesley's original hymn was included in John Wesley's "A Collection of Hymns for the People Called Methodists" in 1780.

*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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven/Hopson

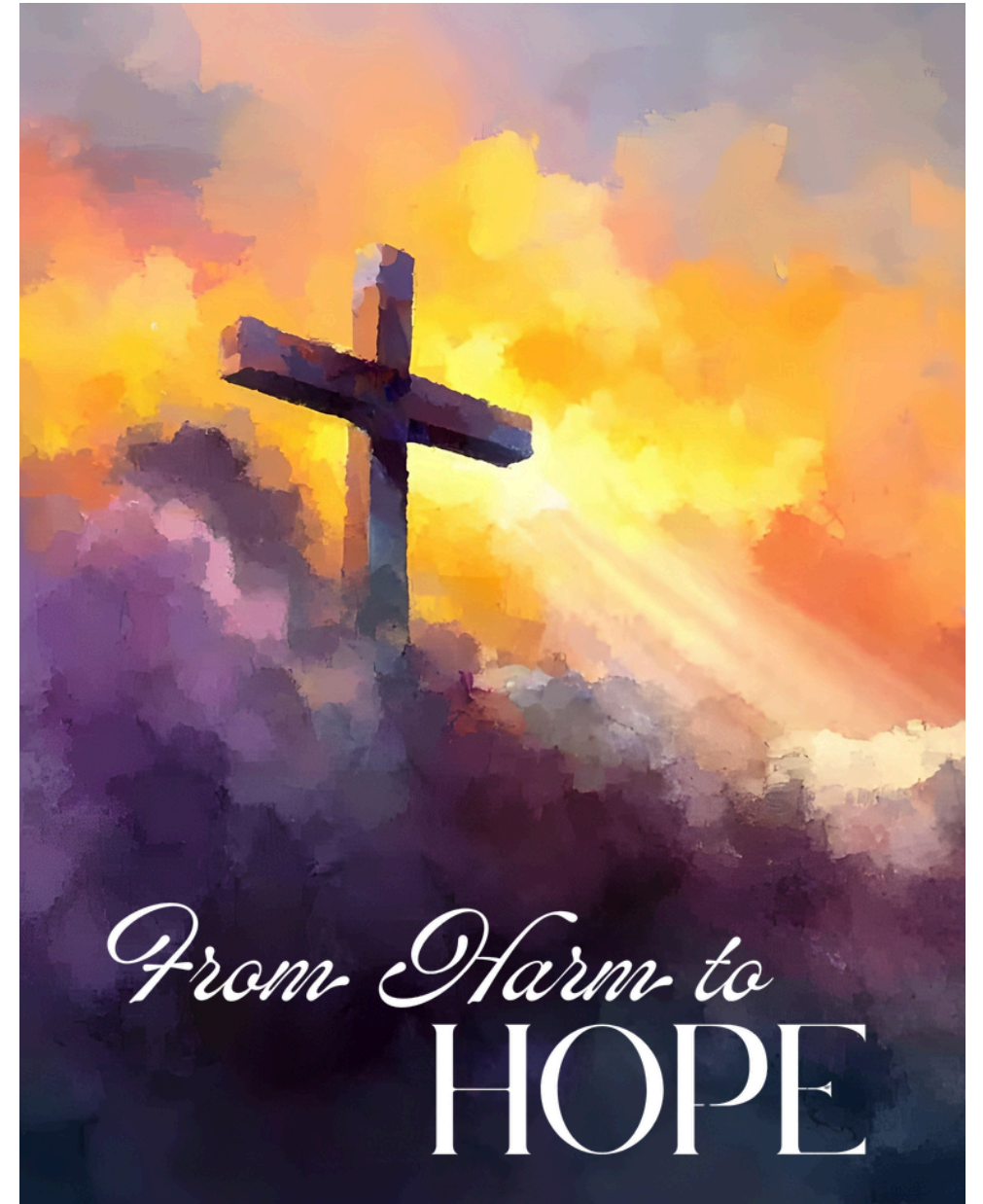
*Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with
assistance from ChatGPT*

Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | April 12, 2026

Altar Flowers are presented by Carol Haines
In Loving Memory of Jacque, Husband, Father, and Grandfather

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485




From Harm to
HOPE



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Rummage Sale

This year's Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 18th is just around the corner! We will collect donations the week leading up to the sale ONLY (April 13th through April 16th). More info and the volunteer signup are [available online](#) or in the Info Hub.

- **SILENT AUCTION:** Items and bidding forms will be set up in the Gallery on Wednesday, April 15th & Thursday, April 16th, from 12 PM to 7 PM, and Friday, April 17th from 10 AM to 5 PM. To donate items for the auction, contact Jan: janrobinsnest@gmail.com.



Hiking Group

The next session of the Hiking Journey Group will start on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00 AM at North Chagrin Reservation, with the study book *I Have Loved You: on love for the poor* by Pope Leo. This book is available at Cokesbury.com for \$14.29.

StrengthsFinder

A NEW session of StrengthsFinder will be from April 19th through May 17th from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. Chuck Tackett will be facilitating. Sign up [online](#) or get in touch with the church office.

MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH



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Weekly Update

Admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

Enclave: Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak
Parker Place: Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox
Symphony of Mentor: Lorraine Ahlstrom
Governor's Pointe: Bob Williams
Salida Woods: June Van Ostrand

In need of prayer:

Hilary Pleska, Karen Mancini, Tom Martin, Noralee Starr, Sandy Williams, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Norma Ickes, Jo Brown

UPCOMING AT MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monday, April 13

- Carr Journey Group (2)
- Rummage Sale SET UP

Thursday, April 16

- Charter Members
- Men's Choir
- Chancel Choir
- Bell Choir
- Silent Auction
- Rummage Sale SET UP

Sunday, April 12

- 9, 9:15, & 11 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Chapel Communion
- 10 & 12 Fellowship Hour
- Martin Journey Group
- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School, 9 AM
- Confirmation
- The BIG Event, 5 PM

Tuesday, April 14

- Ring Journey Group
- Disciple III
- Young Adult Group
- Rummage Sale SET UP

Wednesday, April 15

- Knitting Group
- Silent Auction
- Rummage Sale SET UP
- Admin Council, 7 PM

Friday, April 17

- Silent Auction
- Rummage Sale SET UP

Saturday, April 18

- Modern Worship Practice
- Rummage Sale

Current Sermon Series

Join us in worship from April 12th to May 3rd for a series inspired by Dr. Kate Common's, Seasons of Origins, a new liturgical season designed to faithfully approach scripture and "live into reparative justice as a core expression of discipleship."

CWC Luncheon

Join us at Pine Ridge CC for the next Christian Women's Connection Luncheon on Tuesday, April 21st. The afternoon will feature Billy Herron from BremercGarden Centers and Laura Loveberry with a talk. Cost is \$28 at the door. RSVP by April 16th to 440.488.4351 or send an email to: cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com

Pew Volunteers needed

Help us keep our pew pockets from going wild. I'm looking for volunteers to help straighten them once a week for one month. Quick, easy and appreciated. For more information contact Debbie Shull. 440-346-6721 or dbbshull@gmail.com

Young Adult Group

This Spring, Young Adults will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM, April 14th-May 26th, to read and discuss Toni Morrison's *Sula* as part of the *Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison* year-long event.

Pentecost Picture Submission

Each year, we take a group picture after worship on Pentecost Sunday. If you are an online participant or will be out of town on Sunday, May 24th, then please submit a picture of you or your family so that we can include you! Send submissions to ktanner@mentorumc.org.

Change the World Day

Join us for Change the World Day on Saturday, April 25th, from 9 AM to 2 PM as we partner with [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) to build beds for children in our community. [Sign up online](#) or in the Info Hub to help.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Bonnie Diczhazy
Zoe Diczhazy
Peggy Danley



Kloie Reed
Emily Catherine Strunk



Jennifer
Plummer

**We recently welcomed new members to our church.
We are so excited to build relationships, worship,
and fellowship together for years to come!**

