

The liturgical color is green for Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE “Voluntary in D” John Stanley
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Jack Donahue, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
We gather to worship the God who is love.
A love that sees us, knows us, and calls us by name.
But God’s love does not stop with us. It opens our eyes to those who hunger and thirst, to the stranger and the lonely, to those who are hurting, forgotten, or pushed aside.
Lord, teach us to see one another through the eyes of love.
For when we see the suffering of another and draw near, when we welcome the stranger, share what we have, and care for those the world overlooks—
We discover Christ already there among us.
If God is love, then love is more than something we proclaim.
Love becomes something we practice.
So come, people of God. Let us worship the One who first loved us and learn again what it means to love one another.
Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** “Christ for the World We Sing” UMH 568
Hymn History: The music for this hymn was written by Felice de Giardini. He was born in Turin, Italy in 1716. He became a child prodigy as a violinists and toured throughout Europe. He achieved great success in England and lived in England from the 1750s to the 1780s, performing, conducting and composing music in many genres, most notably opera. His Italian Hymn was written as the music for Come Thou Almighty King, Hymn 61 in our hymnal. Samuel Walcott used this music when writing the lyrics of the hymn we sing today, Hymn 568. Giardino died in Moscow, Russia in 1796.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN’S INVITE

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Job 21:17–21 NIV, p. 371

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC “You Raise Me Up” Graham and Lovland, arr. Roger Emerson
Sean Eppler, soloist

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS
Congregation to Children:
We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We promise to learn with you and grow together in love for God’s word.

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.

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

***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** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” UMH 427

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31–40 NIV, p. 702

MESSAGE “If God is Love...Must I show Love to Others?”
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” UMH 581

***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 “Allegro” arr. Hal Hopson

**Congregation is invited to stand or remain seated*

Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | August 23, 2026



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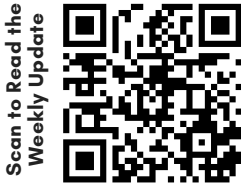
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 - If God is Love Discussion

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New Beginnings

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- LUNCHEON: Sunday, August 30th – 12:30-1:45 PM
- CLASS: Saturday, September 12nd, 1:00-3:30 PM
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Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Kicks Off Another Season September 9

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