

The liturgical color is green for Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost		
PRELUDE	"Voluntary in D" Amy Bender, organ	John Stanley
WELCOME	Paul Montgomery, liturgist	
*CALL TO WORSHIP The road is before us—dusty, uncertain, and alive with possibility. Jesus says, "Follow me." But can we wait? Just one more moment—one more thing to do? Still, Jesus says, "Follow me now." He sends us out, not with ease or comfort, but with purpose and urgency: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." We are called—not to sit and watch—but to go, to serve, to live the gospel. Leave behind the excuses. Let go of the delay. The time is now. The game is on. We are here, Lord—ready to worship, ready to follow, ready to get in the game.		
*OPENING HYMN	"Jesus Calls Us"	UMH 398
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OPENING PRAYER <i>Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time</i>		
WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	<i>Hymn Sing</i> Pat Humphrey, leader	
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 133:1-3 NIV, p. 443	
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		
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	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” <i>Hymn History.</i> The words and music of this hymn were written Kathleen Thomerson. She was born Kathleen Armstrong of February 18, 1934 in Jackson, Tennessee. She attended the University of Texas earning Bachelors and Masters degrees in Music. She married Jamie Thomerson in 1957. They had three children, two sons and a daughter. Kathleen also studied at Syracuse University and in Europe where she studied the organ. She played organ recitals at locations in the United States and Europe. Some of the locations were Coventry Cathedral in England, Notre Dame in Paris, and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. She wrote this hymn in 1966 after visiting the Church of the Redeemer in Houston. Mrs. Thomerson was director of Music and Organist at University United Methodist Church in St. Louis for over twenty years. She was also the director of Music at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. She passed away in Austin on April 7 of this year (2025) at age 91.	UMH 206
SCRIPTURE	Luke 9:57–10:4, p. 734	
MESSAGE	“Get in the Game: All In” Rev. Steve Stultz Costello	
*HYMN OF MISSION	“Go Forth for God”	UMH 670
*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. <small>Words & Music: Don Besig and Nancy Price, © 1988 Harold Flammer Music; All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734977-A</small>		
POSTLUDE	“Allegro”	Purcell/Hopson

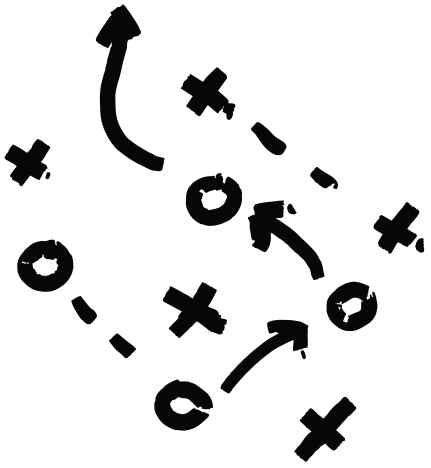
Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | August 31, 2025

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

Altar Flowers are presented by Ruth Hobart
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Patricia Eleanore Parker Hobart & Richard M. Hobart.
They are together again making beautiful music together.
In Deep Appreciation to Amy Bender
who is still making beautiful music every Sunday here on Earth.
It Is Well With My Soul


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