



PRELUDE

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

WELCOME

Paula Langdon, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, people of God, lift your eyes to the heavens.

C: May God's glory be revealed, revealed in me!

L: We can see the splendor of the Lord shining over all creation.

C: May God's glory be revealed, revealed in me!

L: Even in times of difficulty, Your presence sustains us.

C: May God's glory be revealed, revealed in me!

L: We seek to follow Your path and glorify Your name in everything we do and
everywhere we go.

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***OPENING HYMN**

"To God Be the Glory" UMH 98

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Fanny Crosby, one of the most prolific hymn writers in history. Born outside New York City in 1820, she wrote over 8,000 hymn and gospel songs. Crosby went blind at six weeks of age and attended the New York Institute for the Blind. A tireless worker on behalf of the sightless, she testified before a joint session of Congress in 1846, arguing for more blind schools. She worked at several missions and spoke at many churches about the plight of the poor. This hymn did not achieve wide usage until it was used by Cliff Barrows, song leader for Billy Graham in 1954 at a London Crusade. Crosby died in Bridgeport, Connecticut in 1915.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we come praising You for the gift of fellowship and community. With thankfulness, encourage us as believers, fortify us with your power. Eternal God, we give thanks for the beauty of creation, the air we breathe, and the life we live. May we always recognize Your will and rejoice in Your blessings. We are grateful, O God, for Your Word that guides our paths and strengthens our resolve. May we experience you in this space, as you continue to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our journey. This we pray, Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 NIV, p. 807

ANTHEM

"Lift Your Light"
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

Mary McDonald

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

"Go Light Your World"

Chancel Choir; Noralee Starr and Karen Nemelka, soloists

arr. Allen Pote

***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**

Lord God, we have so much to thank You for. So many wonderful blessings and so
many open doors. Brand new mercies shower us in our effort to be generous. Thank
you for this opportunity to give. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.

***HYMN OF CENTERING**

"Gloria, Gloria" (sing twice)

UMH 72

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-16 NIV, p. 683

MESSAGE

"Glory Revealed: Glory Shines Through Us"
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

***HYMN OF MISSION**

"I Surrender All"

UMH 354

***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

"Jubilation!"

David Payne

Altar Flowers are presented by Pastor Ivy Smith
In Loving Memory of David, husband and father

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Sally Carr
In Loving Memory of R. Douglas Kepp, husband, father, and grandfather

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485



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Pastor Ivy Smith, Associate Pastor
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Traditional Worship | February 8, 2026



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UPCOMING AT MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 8

- 9 & 11 AM Worship
- 10 & 12 Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 AM Communion
- Martin Journey Group
- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School
- StrengthsFinder Study
- Confirmation
- YSP Bake Sale
- Souper Bowl of Caring
- Youth Group

Monday, February 9

- Carr Journey Group (2)
- Parents Morning Out

Tuesday, February 10

- Ring Journey Group
- Disciple III
- Spiritual Parenting
- Young Adult Group
- Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

- Knitting Group
- Gaming Group
- Young At Heart Luncheon
- Rummage Sale Planning Meeting
- Missions Meeting
- Children's Ministry Meeting

Thursday, February 12

- *Promise of Heaven* Study
- New Beginnings
- Bell Choir
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Order Easter Flowers

Grab a form in the Info Hub or order online for Easter flowers! Daffodils, Tulips, and Hyacinths are \$8 and the Hydrangeas are \$15. The deadline to order is March 16th. If you need any assistance in ordering, contact the church office.

Royal Family Kids Dinner

Join us for the Royal Family Kids #271 fundraising dinner at Mentor UMC on March 5th, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Come learn about and support this wonderful mission. There are **FREE** seats available at sponsored tables. Please contact Johanna Martin to secure your spot: johannamartin@sbcglobal.net We look forward to celebrating 15 years of RFK and get ready for the next 15 years. See you there!

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Curious about Mentor UMC, Methodism, or what it means to be a member? New Beginnings is a welcoming space to explore faith, ask questions, and discover community. Whether you're ready to join or simply seeking clarity, come learn what it means to be part of a church that loves boldly, serves joyfully, and leads courageously.

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