



PRELUDE

"Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals" Sigfrid Karg-Elert/Hopson
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME

Don Humphrey, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The glory of God does not always arrive gently. Sometimes it confronts us—calling us to turn, to leave, to follow.

We come, not because we have it all together, but because Christ is calling us.

In a world divided by loyalties and voices, Christ calls us into one life, one purpose, one way.

We lay down our nets—our distractions, our certainties, our excuses—to follow Jesus.

The cross confronts our pride and our fear. The call of Christ disrupts our routines and reshapes our lives.

Yet in this confrontation, we discover grace. In this calling, we find glory.

Come, for the glory of God is being revealed—not to impress us, but to change us.

We worship the One who calls us by name. We follow the Christ who reveals God's glory among us.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Lift High the Cross"

UMH 159

Hymn History: This hymn has words written by George William Kitchen and later modified by Michael Robert Newbolt based on the hymn Crucifer written by Sir Sydney Hugo Nicholson. Sir Sydney was born in London, England in 1875. He graduated from the Royal College of Music where he studied the organ. He served as organist at Carlisle Cathedral, Eton College, Manchester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. He also founded the Royal School of Church Music in London in 1927. He was knighted for his service to church music in 1938. A crucifer is a person who carries the processional cross for elaborate services on festive days, like our Easter services. The term comes from the latin crux (cross) and ferre (to bear or carry). Nicholson died in Ashford, Kent, England in 1947 and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, your glory meets us not only in beauty, but in truth that calls us to change. You speak into our divisions and call us toward unity. You interrupt our routines and invite us to follow Jesus more deeply. Confront us with the wisdom of the cross and the grace that reshapes our lives. Give us courage to listen and faith to respond. Reveal your glory among us today, that we may be transformed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 NIV, p. 807

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

ANTHEM

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson
Charter Members Men's Choir: Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

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

"I Will Be a Child of Peace"

Elaine Hagenberg

***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**

"Gloria, Gloria" (sing twice)

UMH 72

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:12-20 NIV, p. 683

MESSAGE

"Glory Revealed: Glory Confronts Us"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH 206

***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

"Toccata in e minor"

Pachelbel

Traditional Worship | January 25, 2026

Altar Flowers are presented by Cynthia Cutler
In Memory of parents, Robert & Generose Warling

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485



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MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH



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Weekly Update

Members who are in need of prayer:

Hilary Pleska, Karen Mancini, Tom Martin, Noralee Starr, Sandy Williams, Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Doug & Kathy Koman, Sandy Mazelis, Heather Lippert, Jack Donahue, Doug Fletcher

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Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Governor's Point - Bob Williams
Salida Woods - June Van Ostrand
Danbury Senior Living - Terry Reynolds



UPCOMING

AT MENTOR UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 25

- 9 & 11 AM Worship
- 10 & 12 Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 AM Communion
- Martin Journey Group
- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School
- StrengthsFinder Study
- YSP Meeting
- Youth Group

Monday, January 26

- Carr Journey Group (2)
- Parents Morning Out

Tuesday, January 27

- Ring Journey Group
- Disciple III
- Spiritual Parenting

Wednesday, January 28

- Knitting Group
- Traditional Worship Meeting
- Youth Min Meeting
- Game Night

Thursday, January 29

- Promise of Heaven Study
- GEM Meeting
- Bell Choir
- Charter Members
- Men's Choir
- Chancel Choir

Friday, January 30

- Young Adult Hockey Outing

Saturday, January 31

- Modern Worship Practice
- More Than a Meal

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Museum Trip

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The Promise of Heaven

The Promise of Heaven by Dr. David Jeremiah book study will be January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19 4:00-6:00 in the Conference room. Please contact Pastor Tammy to sign up: tpalermo@mentorumc.org

Royal Family Kids Dinner

Join us for the Royal Family Kids #271 fundraising dinner at Mentor United Methodist Church on March 5th, 2026 at 5:30 PM. Sponsor a table of 8 for \$200 and invite your friends and family to come learn about and support this wonderful mission. Please email Abbie Akucewich to reserve your table before February 17th at abbie.carle@gmail.com OR if you would like to come and not sponsor an entire table, there are seats available at tables already sponsored. Please contact Johanna Martin for more information: johannamartin@sbcglobal.net. Join us to celebrate 15 years of RFK and get ready for the next 15 years. We hope to see you there!

Book Club

Join us for Book Club on Tuesday, January 27th at 6 PM at Mentor UMC. We will discuss books we've been reading in our own time and what reading goals we have for the year.

Young at Heart Valentine Luncheon

Those 65 years and older are invited to join us for a meal and some Valentine fun Wednesday, February 11th, at noon in the Gallery. The luncheon will include pork tenderloin, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, roasted vegetables, salad, and pie. Missionaries Dr. Les and Debbie Dornon will speak with us following lunch on how they have been "Sharing God's Love Near and Far" while serving at Tansen Hospital in Nepal for 25 years. This event is sponsored by Mentor United Women in Faith and is open to all. Cost is \$5.00 per person cash or check payable at the door. **Please RSVP by Thursday, February 5th** to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online, or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

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