The liturgical color is green for
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Mark Hayes
Bonnie Budziak and Amy Bender, piano

WELCOME Jan Robinson, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Heaven is declaring God's glory. The sky is proclaiming his handiwork
People: Let us be aware of the beauty that is before our eyes.
One: One day gushes news to the next. One night informs another what needs to be known.
People: Let us receive that God is doing a new thing.
One: The sounds of God extend throughout the world. God's words reach the ends of the earth.
All: May we be attentive to God's revelation and participate as God's messengers and vessels. Amen.

Written by Mackalyn Figgins based on Psalm 19:1-4

***OPENING HYMN** "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER

Great Spirit of every voice, You designed each of us within Creation, humans and wildlife, to speak truth, love, and light. May we be attentive to how your grace and presence are active in our lives, so that we can spread the message of your mercy and love as a holy cacophony throughout the cosmos. In Your Most Holy Name we pray, Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE Exodus 3:13-15, p. 41

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC "Come, Christians Join to Sing" arr. Mark Hayes

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

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

OFFERTORY "What Wondrous Love Is This" setting by Joel Raney

***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**

Steadfast God, you are our refuge in every age, our beacon of hope when foolishness abounds and justice seems far off. Even when the world disappoints, you call us to faithfulness, to community, to generosity that reflects your own heart. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in you and our desire to live differently, to live redemptively, and to live hopefully. Use them—and us—for the good that ripples outward, for the healing of hearts and the strengthening of your people. We give not because all is well but because you are good. Amen.

Courtesy of Discipleship Ministries: www.umcdiscipleship.org

***HYMN OF CENTERING** "Lord, Speak to Me" UMH 463

SCRIPTURES Numbers 22:21-34, p. 112

MESSAGE "Out of the Box: God as the Messenger"
Mackalyn Figgins

***HYMN OF MISSION** "He Leadeth Me" UMH 128

***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/arr. Mark Hayes

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Summer Sermon Series Schedule
Join us July 13th - July 27th for "Out of the Box", a series about looking at God & spirituality from new perspectives. The scriptures are 1 Kings 19:11-13, Job 37:14-24, and Numbers 22:21-34.

Communion Bread Baking
Do you enjoy baking? Are you looking for a way to serve God with your special gift? Baking communion bread can be a spiritual exercise. The meditative nature of baking offers an opportunity for active contemplation and prayer. Please consider signing up for a month starting in September. Meditate on John 3:33-35 as you listen and, hopefully, receive God's call to bake for the church community this everlasting, transforming bread. Contact Chris Fletcher 740.739.2155 christfletcher67@aol.com for additional information.

The Great Commission: Informational Meeting
Join Chris Fletcher on Sunday, August 17th after the 9 and 11 AM services in the Adams Parlor for an informational meeting on ways you can answer to the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Whether welcoming guests, praying over our community, or writing words of encouragement, your efforts shape lives and reflect God's love. No RSVP needed. Questions? Contact Chris Fletcher at chrisfletcher67@aol.com / 740.739.2155

Alzheimer's Walk 2025
The Walk will be held at Lake Farm Park on September 27th. This year, our team goal is to raise $2,000. All Journey groups & committees are encouraged to walk as part of Team MUMC. Get your team registered as soon as possible so we can meet our goal! Register on our site under the local missions page.

Blood Drive
The next Blood Drive at MUMC is on Tuesday, August 5th from 9-3 PM. Please sign up online to reserve your spot to donate. Your gift saves lives!

Back to School Bash
This free afternoon of fun will be on Saturday, August 23rd from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. We will have Pelican Snow Cones along with an inflatable bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, and dunk tank.

Third Grade Bibles
Every August, all Third Graders are invited to receive their very own Bibles during service. This year, presentations will be on Sunday, August 24th during 9 & 11 AM worship. The BREAKFAST for Third Graders is on Saturday, August 23rd from 9 to 10:30 AM at MUMC. Please RSVP online here.

Communion
Communion is the first Sunday of the month in both services. On all other Sundays, Communion & Prayer is held in the Chapel at 10:30 AM.

Fellowship Hour
Join us after service every week in the Gallery for Fellowship Hour. First Sunday of the month is Pancakes Sunday!

Out of the Box
Reflecting

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MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
HIGHLIGHTS

Scan to Read the Weekly Update

Members who are in need of prayer:
Kay Feiten, Hilary Pleska, Nora Kelley, Karen Mancini, Noralee Starr, Tom Martin, Laurie Eppler, Connie Sterner, Sandy Williams, Dee Smith, Kay McKinney, Ruthie Hobart, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living, or Nursing Home Facility:
The Enclave – Delores Tackett, Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Carol Anderson
Parker Place – Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox
Prosper at Wickliffe – Gloria McFeely
Symphony of Mentor – Lorraine Ahlstrom
Village of St. Edward – Dale Porter
Fairmont – Gretchen Tice
Governor's Point – Bob Williams

UPCOMING AT MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 27
- Worship & Fellowship
- Sunday School
- Martin Journey Group

Monday, July 28
- Carr Journey Group

Tuesday, July 29
- Modern Worship Meeting

Wednesday, July 30
- Knitting Group

Thursday, July 31
- Disciple 2

Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2
- Modern Worship Practice
- Emmaus

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