

The liturgical color is white for the 7th Sunday of Easter

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**PRELUDE** "Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise" Pachelbel  
"All Glory Be To God On High" Zachau  
Amy Bender, organist

**WELCOME** Mike Fournier, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus is not too busy to care for us.

**C: A woman who suffered for 12 years sought Jesus.**

L: She reached out, stretched out on faith!

**C: Her grasping teaches us to trust God, even in pain.**

L: No matter what you are facing, Jesus sees you.

**C: Will you reach for Him today?**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

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

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Dear Lord, Holy One, Lord Almighty, we come before You, seeking Your divine intervention. God, we are blessed and realize it is by your grace and mercy, we are saved. This day is a day of promise and hope, so we give thanks. We have the ability to have faith and we live in that power. May your peace fill our hearts today with guidance for the heavy, chaotic world around us. We reach for you. We stretch out for you. Give us more help to support our families and lives for the future. Hear us, in Your mercy. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** "How Great Thou Art" arr. Dan Forrest  
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

*Hymn History:* Almost everyone recognizes this hymn, one of the most popular and famous hymns written. Did you know the original melody was written by a Swedish minister named Carl Boberg? Boberg was walking after a storm had passed when he heard church bells ring and a thrush singing. This inspired him to write his hymn "O Store Gud" in 1885. The hymn was translated into several languages including Russian. The English missionary, Stuart Hine (1899-1989) heard the hymn while preaching in the Ukraine in 1931. Hine left the Ukraine in 1932 after the forced famine by Josef Stalin. Hine wrote his own version of the melody in 1949 and called it "How Great Thou Art". It was published in 1953. It has been recorded by many singers including Elvis Presley who won a Grammy for his gospel album with this hymn as the album title. In 2024, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Hine's composition, a group of singers in Nashville recorded a version of the hymn to raise humanitarian aid for the people of the Ukraine suffering during the Ukraine-Russia war.

*\*Congregation is invited to stand or remain seated*

**CONFIRMATION CEREMONY**

*Student*  
Oliver Schoening  
Cullen Fisher  
Jackson Jordan  
Jake Nedley  
Ian Partee  
Nick Neibecker  
Teagan Hommel  
Jolie Fisher

UMH 33  
*Mentor*  
John Fisher  
Brad Colbow  
Luke Rhoads  
Bill Mueller  
Chuck Tackett  
Tom Erbaugh  
Jill Kilpeck  
Mackalyn Figgins

**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** "You Do Not Walk Alone" 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**

**Lord, we know that giving is a sacred act of worship, deeply rooted in the teachings of Scripture. As we are reminded in James 1:17 that every good and perfect gift comes from above, we render our blessings to your ministry. These gifts are our expressions of gratitude, obedience, and trust. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF CENTERING** "He Touched Me" UMH 367

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 8:42b-48 NIV, p. 734

**MESSAGE** "Close Encounters: Reaching Out"  
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

# Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | May 17, 2026

## \*HYMN OF MISSION

"It Is Well"

UMH 377

## \*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

"Prelude in C Major"

J. S. Bach



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parents and grandparents

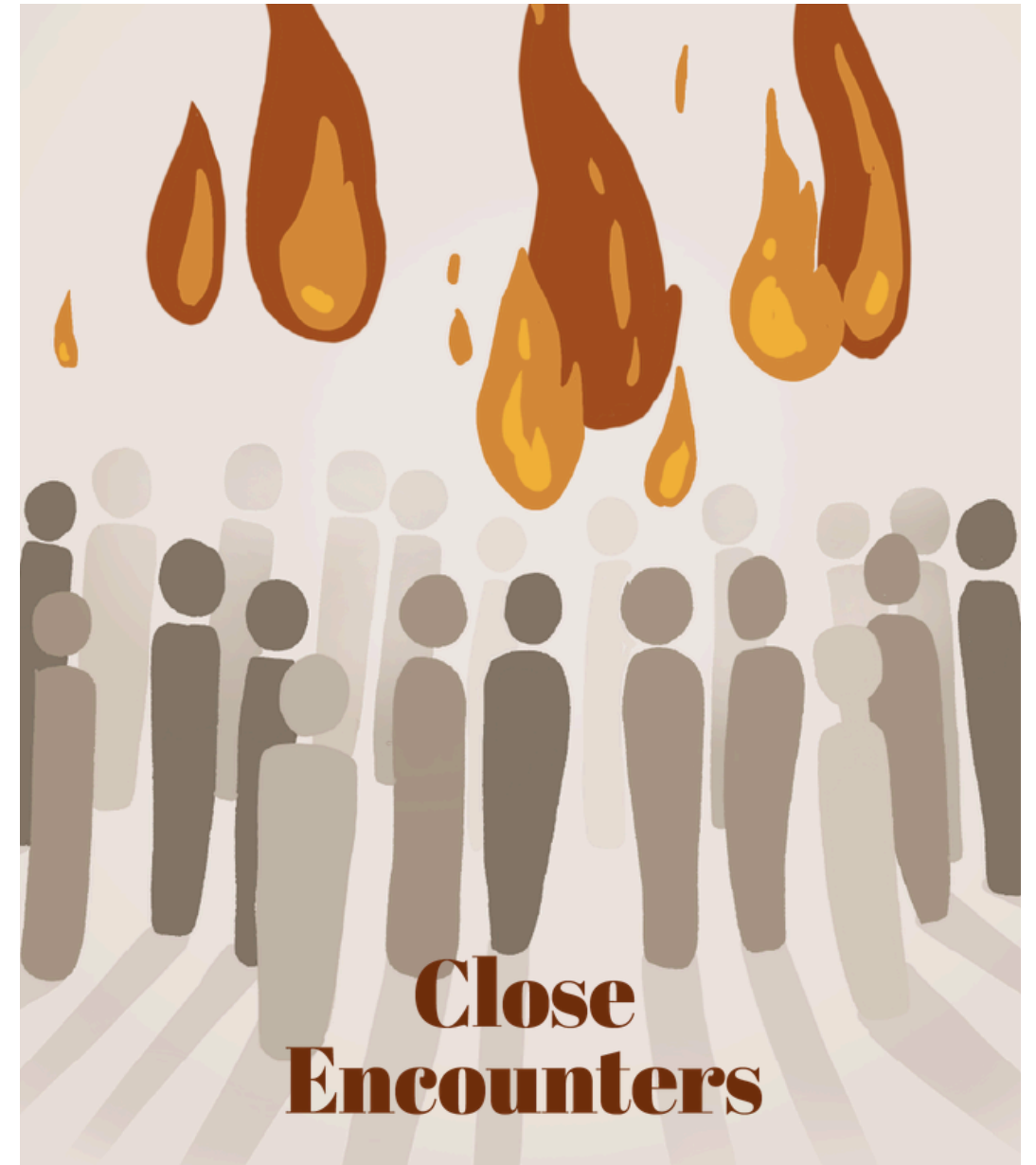
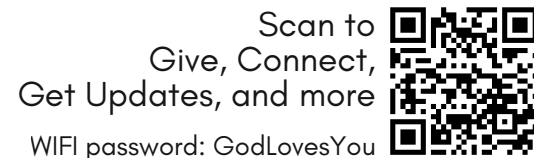
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