

The liturgical color is green for the twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE** "Festive Trumpet Tune" David German  
Amy Bender, organist

**WELCOME** Laurie Babcock, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
L: God has abundantly cast seeds of love and hope upon us.  
**C: God sees us as fruitful soil for planting and growing.**  
L: The Lord is the sower, spreading power, love, and redemption.  
**C: Help us to be good soil, prepared to bear fruit.**  
L: We have to watch for distractions that hinder our way.  
**C: Obstacles, difficulties, or problems cannot stop our commitment.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Come, Thou Mighty King" UMH 61

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING PRAYER**  
God of abundant love, we acknowledge you in the midst of great growth and coming harvest. All around us are signs of your fields. As you plant, prune, and grow our faith, we give you thanks. We are your seeds of promise to the world. And we will not be distracted from flourishing. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 10:38-42 (NSRV), p. 734

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

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

**ANTHEM** "Hold On to the Rock" Pepper Choplin  
Chancel Choir; Ruth Aplin, soloist; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**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** "Shalom" Dan Forrest

**\*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**  
God is preparing us for good things to come. So we place out trust in the One who can deliver healing, renewal, and salvation. May our giving provide a way for God to be known here on Earth. Amen.

**HYMN OF CENTERING** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (2x) UMH 349

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 13:18-23, p. 691

**MESSAGE** "Distractions: Naming Our Distractions"  
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

**\*HYMN OF MISSION** "Nothing Between" UMH 373

**\*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** "Ode to Joy" Beethoven/Hopson

# Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | November 9, 2025

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Altar Flowers are presented by Ellen Mladineo  
In Thanks to Kathy Fellows, Kathy Jojczyk, and all those that help  
with Fellowship Hour

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Chris Fletcher  
In Celebration of 34 years of marriage

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*To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*

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# DISTRACTIONS



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Pastor Steve Stultz Costello, Lead Pastor  
Pastor Ivy Smith, Associate Pastor  
Pastor Tammy Palermo, Pastor of Children & Family Ministry

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# MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH



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Weekly Update

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Hilary Pleska, Karen Mancini, Tom Martin, Laurie Eppler, Noralee Starr, Connie Sterner, Sandy Williams, Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Ruthie Hobart, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Kimberlee Johnson, The Hall Family, Doug & Kathy Koman, Sandy Mazelis, The Denton Family, Syndie Toth, Heather Lippert, Jill Tackett

## Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living, or Nursing Home Facility:

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Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak  
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- Young Families Journey Group
- Disciple III
- Blood Drive
- Trustee Meeting

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- Knitting Group
- Gaming Group
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- Missions Meeting
- Finance Meeting

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