## The liturgical color is green for the fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

"Canon in D" Amy Bender, organ J. Pachelbel

WELCOME

Ben Chiappone, liturgist

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The psalmist declares, "Lord, you have searched me and known me."

Will you open yourselves to be searched by God?

#### Search us, O'God, and know our hearts.

God searches you, knows you, and loves you, and invites you to search out God in return. Will you seek the heart of God?

### We will search you, O God, to know your heart.

The Triune God who creates all and knows all is revealed in running rivers and fluttering butterflies, in warm sunshine and the smell of the earth. Will you pay attention?

## We will pay attention, O God, to your fingerprint of love on all of creation.

Open our hearts today to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be.

## We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, the all-knowing Creator and Sustainer of life.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.

\*OPENING HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

**UMH 126** 

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### **OPENING PRAYER**

God, we cannot escape your love. We can find no place to hide. You search us out wherever we may be. Your love is like a mother's blanket, protecting us wherever we go. Your love shields us from evil. We may travel to the moon or to the depths of the ocean: your love i there. We may think ourselves to greater levels of sophistication: your love is there. We may fall in the pits of sin: your love is there. Thank you, Mother, for steadfast mercy. Thank you for being there, wherever we may be. Amen.

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BAPTISM Charlotte April Ponn

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Daughter of Kelly'& Joshua Ponn

**BAPTISMAL HYMN** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

UMH 611

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

\*Congregation invited to stand if able

ANTHEM "Joy and Elation"
Canticle Bells

Cynthia Dobrinksi

#### 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

**OFFERTORY**"Then Sings My Soul" Choral Setting by Mary McDonald Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

\*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!

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN OF CENTERING** "Guide My Feet" TFWS 2208

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 139:13–18, p. 445

**MESSAGE** "Masterpiece: EVERY Body" Rev. Tammy Palermo

**YMN OF MISSION** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH 139 Hymn History: The music to this hymn, LOBE DEN HERREN, is from an anonymous source in Germany. \*HYMN OF MISSION It means Praise the Lord in English. The German church leader, Joachim Néander wrote the words to it in 1680. The hymn was harmonized by the English musician William Sterndale Bennett in 1864. Bennett was born in Sheffield, England in 1816. Orphaned at age three, he was raised by his paternal grandfather who enrolled young William at the Royal Academy of Music at age ten. Bennett became a noted composer, pianist, and teacher of music. He impressed the famous German composer, Felix Mendelssohn who brought him to Leipzig, Germany to study. Bennett returned to England and taught music at Queen's College, London. Among his pupils was Arthur Sullivan of Gilbert and Sullivan fame. Bennett later taught music at the University of Cambridge and was knighted in 1871. He died in 1875 and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

#### \*BENEDICTION

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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 F" J. S. Bach

> Altar Flowers are presented by Kim & Dana Ludwig In Loving Memory of our parents, Jack & Gloria Meyer, Grandmother, Helen Meyer, and brother, Jeff Meyer Always in our hearts, Kim & Debbie

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485



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## **Mentor United Methodist Church**

Traditional Worship | September 14, 2025





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