

The liturgical color is white,
for the Second Sunday after Pentecost.

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Max Drischer
Amy Bender

Welcome Rev. Sondra Snode

Call to Worship
One: Creating God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life
out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.
Many: We thank you for revealing yourself to us.
One: Help us perceive you at work in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the
gentle guidance of your Spirit.
Many: We thank you for the joy we have because of your steadfast faithfulness.

*Hymn #152 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"
Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Isaac Watts. A prolific writer of hymns,
many of Watts' works are in our hymnal. He was also a Congregationalist Minister, and
theologian. He was born in Southampton, England in 1674. His father, also a
Congregationalist was considered a Non-Conformist by the Church of England. As a result,
Watts was not permitted to attend Oxford or Cambridge, he went to a Non-Conformist
academy instead. We always sing Watts lyrics to "Joy to the World" at the end of our
traditional Christmas Eve service. On his death, Watt's papers were donated to Yale
University in the then Colony of Connecticut, which was founded by Puritans and
Congregationalists. Watts died in Stoke Newington (Greater London) in 1748. After his
death, a monument to him was placed in Westminster Abbey.

Baptism 11:00 AM Mira Christine
see insert daughter of Mallory and Mark Melocik

Reception of New Member 11:00 AM Pete Otterman
see insert

* Congregation invited to stand if able

Time of Prayer
Confession: Holy God, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to
make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of life. Forgive us,
we pray, for times we go our own way, doubt your truth, and fail to follow your
path. Free us to experience you fully, and serve you in joyfulness.
Pardon: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that
proves God's steadfast love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are
forgiven!
Response: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

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.

Children are invited to meet in the Narthex in the back of the Sanctuary to go to Sunday school.

Anthem 9:00 "Father of Light" Susan Bentall Boersma/Craig Courtney
Charter Members Men's Choir
11:00 "Hymn of Creation" Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir

Serving & Giving Emphasis

Celebration of Ministry for Marian Ruckert

Offertory 9:00 "I Love You, Lord" Choral Setting by Jack Schrader
11:00 "Festival Sanctus" John Leavitt

*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 #99** "My Tribute"

Scripture Genesis 1: 1 – 5

Sermon In the Beginning Rev. Sondra Snode

Celebration of Holy Communion

***Hymn #145** "Morning Has Broken"

***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 "Postludium" Gordon Young

Altar Flowers are presented by Christina & Michael Fournier
In Loving Memory of Howard Irish,
Husband, Father, and Grandfather and
Ruby Irish, Wife, Mother, and Grandmother


Pulpit Flowers are presented by Linda Brown
In Celebration of her grandson, Ryan Brown,
who graduated Mentor High School this weekend

If you would like to order flowers in memory of loved ones,
for celebration, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-477-4485.

To catch up on activities, missions, and events read our Weekly Update which is located in the Narthex and the Information Hub.

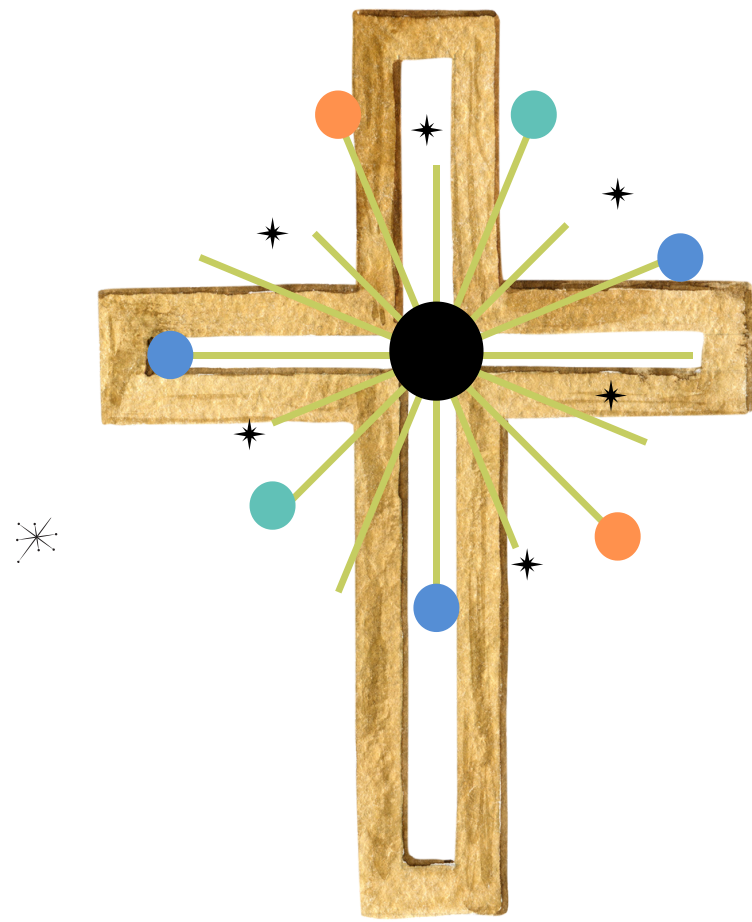
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Traditional Worship

**Sacrament of Baptism – Mira Christine
Child of Mallory and Mark Melocik**

Profession of Faith

Congregational Response

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Baptism and Prayer

Congregational Response

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

May we do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, service and witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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