9 & 11 AM Traditional

MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 7, 2022

Today is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.

The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian Church.

Prelude

"All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Cathy DeRousse
Amy Bender

Welcome

Rev. Barbara Holzhauser

Call to Worship

Lord God, maker of heaven and earth, we delight in Your presence.

We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers.

Come among us, Living Lord.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

*Hymn #451

"Be Thou My Vision"

Highlights History: Several centuries following St. Patrick's missionary work in Ireland, the Irish church was still producing hymns and songs of worship. It was during this time an unknown poet wrote a prayer asking God to be his Vision, his >

Wisdom, and his Best Thought by day or night. In 1905 a scholar in Dublin, Ireland, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, translated the poem into English. A scholar in Manchester, England, Eleanor Hull, took this translation and crafted it into verses with rhyme and meter. It was then set to the traditional Irish folk song, "Slane". Coming full circle, this area in Ireland (Slane) is where Patrick challenged and converted local Druids with the gospel.

A Time for Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy.

Many: Hear our prayer

One: (Final Petition) Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus, in whom we have become your new creation.

Many: Amen.

Worship through Music "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Sally DeFord Laurie, Mary Anne, Sean, Craig Eppler

Announcements & Offering Emphasis

Offertory

"The Prayer"

Sager & Foster

*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

Gracious God, for all that You have done for us, we offer ourselves and our gifts to You—living sacrifices of worship and praise. Transform our hearts and minds from the inside out; show us what is good and pleasing in Your sight, so that we may be quick to recognize Your call, and quick to respond. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Romans 12:1-2

Message

Rev. Barbara Holzhauser

*Hymn of Preparation #399

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION We Prepare our Hearts

One: Merciful God, open our hearts as we prepare to receive your grace. Enable us to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

Many: We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

One: Friends in Christ, know this, the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and may we know this surpassing grace -- in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

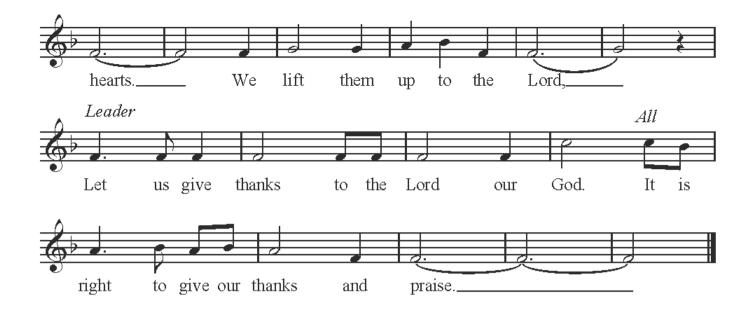
Many: Praise God! Amen.

We Celebrate the Gift of Jesus

The Great Thanksgiving

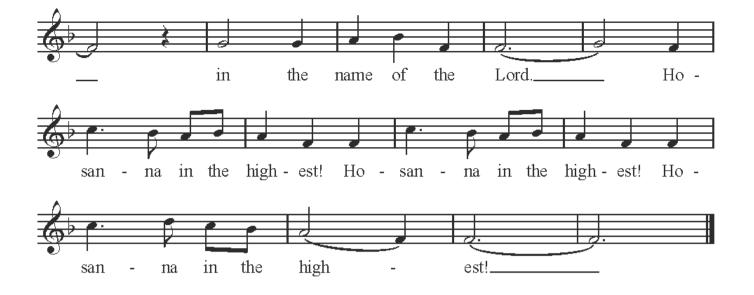
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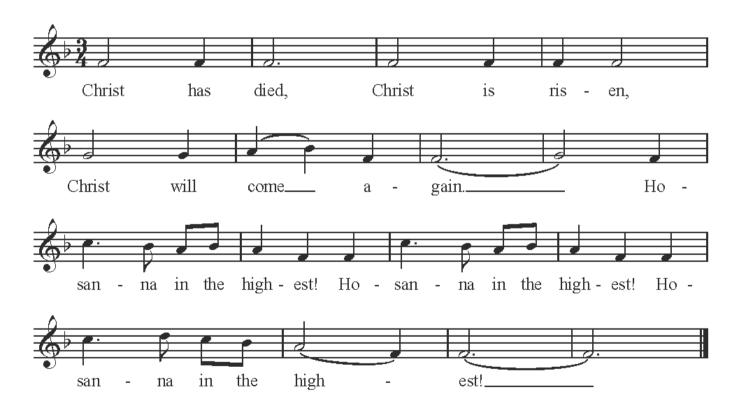
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...





Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

Memorial Acclamation



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine... **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be one 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.

Breaking the Bread We Give Thanks

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #547 "O Church of God, United"

*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

"Postlude "

Anton Bruckner

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