

Mentor United Methodist Church

January 13, 2019

First Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord
The liturgical color is white, signifying the purity, holiness and virtue of Christ, as well as respect and reverence.

GATHERING

Prelude "God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"
Carolyn Hamlin
Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles Presentation of God's Holy Word

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.

If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Welcome & Announcements Jennifer Lam

* Call to Worship

Leader: We are created by God in the image of God.

People: All people are created by God in the image of God.

Leader: In our differences, we reflect the Holy face of God.

People: All who gather in Christian worship—across the country and around the world— are brought near to God through Jesus.

Leader: We are not Jew or Greek, low class or high class, male or female, black or white.

People: We are one in Christ Jesus. We are made in God's image.

All: So let us love each other and worship our God with joy.

* Prayer (unison)

Lord, You are the God of all people. You have formed us in your image and given us the gift of life. Help us to see where we do not reflect your image in our attitudes and actions toward others, forgive us for our shortcomings, and help us to see what we need to do today to love and care for all people. Amen.

* **Opening Hymn 117** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

Anthem 9:00 "A Place in the Choir" Bill Staines
Children's Choir

11:00 "Let Hope Spring Forth" Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading New Testament page 834 Colossians 3:5-12
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The White Elephant in the Room" Rev. Kurt Landerholm

Prayer of Confession (silent)

Confession and Pardon (unison)

Lord, forgive us for allowing attitudes to cause harm and hurt to others. Forgive us for pride and arrogance that puts others down to make us feel better. Forgive us for allowing greed and self-centeredness to rule over benevolence and service. Lord, help us to put to death what divides and put on what builds up. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

* **Hymn 548** "In Christ There Is No East or West" McKEE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning 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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory	9:00	"Dona Nobis Pacem" Children's Choir	Traditional
	11:00	"The Meditations of My Heart" Chancel Choir	Elaine Hagenberg

* Doxology

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!

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THANKSGIVING

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn 98	"To God Be the Glory"	TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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* Choral Benediction

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.

* Postlude	"Tocatta in C Major"	J. Pachelbel
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* *Members of the congregation stand if able.*

Altar flowers are provided by the Robertson Family
in celebration of daughter Kate.

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