

The liturgical color is green for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

**WELCOME** Jim Post, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Children of God: welcome!

**C: Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**C: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**

L: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**C: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

L: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

**\*OPENING HYMN** "How Can We Name a Love" UMH 111

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Heavenly Father, we lift up our Sunday morning worship service to You. As we gather to praise and reflect on your goodness and mercy, we are humbled that you remember us. O God, may our voices unite in harmony, creating a symphony of worship that is pleasing to Your ears. Let our prayers, songs, preaching and fellowship be more than mere actions but expressions of our gratitude. May this worship time resonate deep within our souls, drawing us closer to Your heart. Bless those online and here in-person, as we worship together as one. Amen.**

*Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School*

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC** "Aria Grazioso" Mozart  
Tracy Paroubek, clarinet

**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 1:26-27 NIV, p. 1

**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.**

**FAITH IN ACTION**

*\* Congregation invited to stand if able*

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Simple Gifts" arr. Lloyd Conley

**\*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**

**O God, all that we have was given by You. So, we give back to the ministry of this church with the assurance of growing the Body of Christ, here in Mentor and beyond. We freely give as you give salvation to all. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF CENTERING** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" 152

**SCRIPTURE** Exodus 3:14 NIV, p. 41

**MESSAGE** "Children's Book Series - Old Turtle"  
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

**HYMN OF MISSION** "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" UMH 462

Hymn History: The lyrics to this hymn were written by Louisa Stead (nee Rouse). She was born in Dover, Kent, England in 1846. She emigrated to the United States in 1871 and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. She attended a camp meeting in Urbana, Ohio and wanted to become an overseas missionary but her health prevented it. She married George Stead in 1873 and moved to Long Island, New York. They had a daughter, Lily. Her husband died in 1876 while trying to save a boy who was drowning. Louisa then moved to South Africa to fulfill her missionary goal. She married Dr. Robert Wodehouse, a Methodist pastor, while there. They moved back to the U.S. Later, they moved to Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) to continue their missionary work. She died in Southern Rhodesia in 1917. This hymn uses Isaiah 12:2 as its inspiration. It has been recorded by Amy Grant and Alan Jackson.

**\*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.**

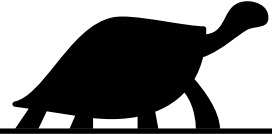
**Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

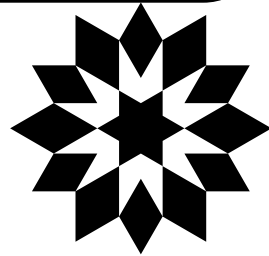
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**POSTLUDE** "The Rejoicing" G. F. Handel / arr. Hal Hopson



Altar Flowers are presented by Kay Lingafelter & Family  
In Loving Memory of Ron, Husband, Father, & Grandfather

*Opening on August 25th:  
For flowers, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*



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