

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

**Prelude** "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" J. S. Bach  
Amy Bender

**Welcome** Rev. Mikayla Doepker

### Call to Worship

One: Are you awake? Are you alert?

**Many: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

One: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

**Many: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

One: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

**Many: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

One: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

**Many: Christ has extended the invitation:**

**let us work together in the reign of God on earth.**

(Courtesy of Rev. Mindi on her Rev-o-lution blog.)

### Opening Prayer

**Loving God, we seek to follow your desire and walk in your ways to observe your commandment love God, love self, love others. Bless, O God, this land and all the lands of the earth, fill the minds and hearts of leaders with wisdom. As your servants may we labor for Your purposes, building, gardening, watering, reconciling, growing – peace. May we work together, sister and brother, brother and sister, as God’s field, God’s gift to you, to me. Loving God, we seek to follow your desire and walk in your ways to observe your commandments, love God, love self, love others  
Amen.**

(Courtesy of Terri from Seeking Authentic Voice)

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

\*Congregation invited to stand if able

### Prayer of Confession & Prayers of the People

**All: Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget who has given us light, who has made our garden grow with waters of love. We forget your living word and move off your paths to serve our own worldly desires. We leave your cultivated field to venture out into the wilderness on our own. We quarrel with one another trying to decide “who is the greatest.” We make our own faces the benchmark for all faces. Help us to remember Jesus, reconciling the whole variegated world in himself.**

One: Hear these words of assurance, Thank you for calling us back, for never giving up on us when we turn aside, for always loving us, even when we forget who we are and who you are. We know you, as the greatest Gardener of all, who has promised always to replant us in flourishing fields.

(Courtesy of The Rev. Marilyn K. Levine)

### 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** "The Shepherd's Promise" Karen L. Buckwalter  
Canticle Bells; Karen Nemelka, flute

**11:00** "Fill the Earth with Praise!" J. Paul Williams & Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir

### Serving & Giving Emphasis

**Offertory 9:00** "Prayer" Arnold B. Sherman

**11:00** "My Wordless Prayer" Pamela Martin & Craig Courtney

### \*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

# Mentor United Methodist Church



February 12, 2023  
Traditional Worship

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

Hymn History: This version of an Afro-American spiritual was arranged by Henry Thacker "Harry" Burleigh. Born in 1866 in Erie, Pa., Burleigh was a composer, arranger, and vocalist. He was known for his rich baritone voice. He was the first African-American to be a soloist at St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City. He met the famed composer Antonin Dvorak at the National Conservatory of Music of America in NYC where Burleigh was a student (and Dvorak the Director) and introduced him to the traditional music of African-Americans. Dvorak incorporated themes from both African-Americans and Native Americans in his famous New World Symphony. Burleigh died in Stamford, Connecticut in 1949.

**Scripture** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

**Sermon** "A Disciple Lives On Purpose" Rev. Mikayla Doepker

**\*Hymn #555** "Forward through the Ages"

**\*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** "Toccata" D. Buxtehude

Altar Flowers are presented by Bill Wolfgang  
In Loving Memory of Wife Judy's birthday, February 10th.

***Join us for Fellowship Time in the Gallery!***

To catch up on activities, missions, and events read our Weekly Update  
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