

**The liturgical color is purple,  
representing both royalty and penitence.**

**Prelude** "Prelude and Fugue in e minor" J. S. Bach  
Amy Bender

**Welcome** Rev. Sondra Snode

### Call to Worship

One: Lent is an invitation to grieve how we have fallen into a state of brokenness. To join Jesus in the desert, to reflect upon our own temptations and character defects. But it is also an invitation to use our free will in the right direction.

**Many: We confess our brokenness. We embrace the restorative grace of God.**

**We accept our new identity in Christ.**

One: Let us receive the power Jesus gives to live a new life.

### Opening Prayer

**Holy God, we often find ourselves in the desert. We face temptation and challenge, and are sometimes unsure of our ability to overcome all that we encounter. Help us remember that Jesus invites us in our weakness to join our lives with his power. Remind us that, even in our deserts, we can find new hope and meaning and purpose for our lives. Help us trust and rely upon You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #73** "O Worship the King"

### Time of 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.*

\*Congregation invited to stand if able

**Anthem 9:00** "Order My Steps" Choral Setting by Jack Schrader  
Charter Members Men's Choir

**11:00** "In Christ Alone" arr. Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir

### Serving & Giving Emphasis

**Offertory 9:00** "Lenten Meditation" Jay Althouse

**11:00** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Dale Wood

#### \*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 #178

"Hope of the World"

*Hymn History:* The words to this hymn were written in 1954 by Georgia Harkness, one of the most influential Methodist Theologians of the twentieth century. Born in New York State in 1891, she earned degrees at Cornell and Boston Universities. She taught at Garrett Seminary in Illinois and the Pacific School of Religion in California. She was the first woman to achieve a full professorship at an American theological seminary. A leading figure in the ecumenical movement and women's ordination, she was the first female member of the American Theological Society. This hymn extols the hope of Christ in a world shattered by World War II and the Cold War. She died in 1974 in Claremont, California.

**Scripture** Luke 4: 1 - 13

**Sermon** "Painting with Ashes: The Desert" Rev. Sondra Snode

**\*Hymn #295**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

**\*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**

"Prelude in g minor "

J. S. Bach

Altar Flowers are presented by Judy Garris  
In Loving Memory of Husband, Dale,  
Parents, Mel & Edie Boyd,  
Brothers Dave & Tom

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

# Mentor United Methodist Church



February 26, 2023  
Traditional Worship

**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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