

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

Prelude "Jesus Paid It All" arr. Cathy DeRousse
Amy Bender

Welcome Rev. Mikayla Doepker

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

Many: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

One: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

Many: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

One: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

Many: Amen!

(Courtesy of Ministry Matters)

Opening Prayer

All: How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. Amen.

(Courtesy of Ministry Matters)

***Hymn #400** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Many: O Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself. But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you? How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice? How often have we tried to dominate others even as you stand with them? How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its waters? Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon us. Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

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.

Anthem 9:00 "All to Us" arr. Mary McDonald
Charter Members Men's Choir

11:00 "Steal Away" Traditional Spiritual/arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Chancel Choir

Serving & Giving Emphasis

Offertory 9:00 "Grace" Mark Hayes

11:00 "Mercy" Susan Bentall Boersma & Craig Courtney

*Doxology #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #115** "How Like a Gentle Spirit"

Scripture Luke 15:1-7

Sermon Shepherd Malpractice Rev. Mikayla Doepker

*Congregation invited to stand if able

***Hymn #138**

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Henry Williams Baker. He was born in London in 1821. Educated at Cambridge, he became an Anglican Priest in 1844. Baker died in Monkland, England in 1877. His last words were verse three of this hymn. The lyrics are based on a Welsh version of the 23rd Psalm. It is set to the music of the Irish melody, St. Columba. This hymn was sung in 1997 at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

***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 d minor"

J. S. Bach Boellmann

Altar Flowers are presented by Nancy Leyden
In Loving Memory of Neil and Margaret Franz and Robert Franz.

Flower opening on April 23
Please contact Kathy Fellows 440-477-4485
if you would like to order flowers.

Mentor United Methodist Church



March 19, 2023
Traditional Worship

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