

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

10:30am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Foster

PRELUDE

The Tree Song

Medema/Sterling

Karyn Murphy and LaRue Wilson

Gill and Janis Pongallo

Susan Balesky and Joan Corrai

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *When in Our Music God is Glorified* UMH 68 v. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In all that we dream and imagine

People: Help us to know that we see with your vision

Leader: In all that we attempt, whether we succeed or fail

People: Help us to know that You guide us

Leader: In every prayer that we speak

People: Help us to know that you hear us

All: Remind us of your amazing grace in every part of our lives

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *O Holy City Seen of John* UMH 726

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As we gather this morning, awaken in us the Holy Spirit that You gifted to us when you left to join our Father in heaven. Open our eyes to the needs of your world and our place in it along with our responsibility to help it be healed.

Open our hearts to your whispered voice that tells us you are always with us and teach us to hear and follow, together. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Joshua Fit the Battle

Arr. L. Beery

Traditional Spiritual

CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

SCRIPTURE READINGS	Acts 16:9-15	Pew Bible 900
	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	UMH 1008
	*John 14:23-29	Pew Bible 877

God is still speaking. **And we are still listening. Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	UMH 71
SERMON	<i>We're Not In This Alone</i>	Al Naab

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i>	UMH 431
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CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Father, as you have shown us so many times, we pray that you will take this small offering from our hands and use it to do mighty things. May these gifts help others to know that together with You, all things are possible. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of goodness and mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895
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PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>Christ Is the World's Light</i>	UMH 188 v. 1
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*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP	<i>All Who Love and Serve Your City</i>	UMH 433
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*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>O Let Us Sing</i>	M.Curtis
	Anna Pengov, soloist	

*POSTLUDE

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

*Non-weekly meetings and activities are in **bold print**.*

SUN (05/25): Worship, 10:30am
SAT (05/31): **Community Meal, 5pm/Jump Fellowship Hall**
SUN (06/01): **Communion Sunday**
Worship, 10:30am

We Are All God's Children

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes member*

*Bobby Blankenship	Al Tobey	Erik T.	Lindsey Elswick
*Monta Demchak	Carol De Laat	Frank	Lindsey Parker
*Dave Dickman	Carol	Gail	Mary
*Mitzi Herrick	Caroline	Geof Funk	Mary Ellen
*Cindy Light	Chris M.	J & J	Mary W.H.
*John Motley	Darlene	Jan	Max
*Peter Oesterreich	Darlene	Jim	MJ
*Janis Pongallo	Daryana	Jim	Rosie
*Linda Prudhoe	David R.	John	Roy Buser
*DeeDee Rencehausen	Dennis	Joshua C.	Seth Buser
*Nadene & Dennis Smith	Diane	Kathy	Sheri G.
*Joan Thorkelson	Dixie	Laurie	Ted and Marie Nyland
*Galen Younkin	Doug Emery	Lee	Tom Szor
Ukraine, Israel and Gaza	Dotty	Lily Van Scyoc	Viola
Pastor Jason Thompson	Ed Rote		

Christ UMC Welcomes All

We welcome all persons to our church without regard to race, ethnic or cultural background, social status, gender, sexual orientation, age, theological perspective, political affiliation, or other means people use to categorize or discriminate against others. For our full statement, go to our website.

CALLING ALL 2025 GRADUATES

Please contact the church office by today if you, your child or grandchild is graduating. From where is the graduate graduating, special degree, plans for next year? Graduation Sunday will be June 8.

STAR WORDS

At the beginning of the year, we handed out “Star Words”. I invite you to take the word you chose and use it throughout the year as a way to center your prayer time and to be aware of God’s presence throughout the day. If you have not received a word, please let Pastor Dianne know and she will get one to you! Each week in the bulletin there will be a journal prompt or reflection question that encourages you in your use of the word.

For this week: **How does your word show up in your worship experience?**

A MUSICAL NOTE

Dear friends,

What a great privilege it is to serve alongside those in music ministry at Christ UMC! The chancel choir, handbell choir, accompanists and special music contributors all collaborate throughout the year to use their God given gifts to glorify His name!

It is our hope that when you come to worship, either in person or online, that the music prepared each week ministers to your hearts and intensifies your worship experience. Music ministry is more than singing or playing notes on a page. Music has the ability to move us and plant the Word - the Good News - inside our hearts. May we, remain fertile soil, sprinkled with love and compassion, rooted firmly and flourishing fruitfully in our faith!

Christ UMC has been abundantly blessed, now and in the past, with talented musicians - professionally trained, self-taught or simply with a great love for making music. We thank all of you for your time and dedication! Our music ministry is all the richer for the following individuals:

Soprano

Ruth Ann Cunningham @
Barb Emery @
Karyn Murphy @
Gill Pongallo @
Jan Walter
LaRue Wilson

Tenor

Jared Gadowski-Littleton
Cheryl Holmes
Debbie Motley
Gerald Rencehausen @
Joy Slipp
Dale Work

Alto

Joan Corrai @
Nanci Kirkpatrick* @
Charis Macha
Janis Pongallo @
Linda Prudhoe*
DeeDee Rencehausen* @
Sharon Zothner

Bass

John Motley*
Rob Pongallo @

Master of the Bass Bells
Benjamin Kirkpatrick @

Accompanists

Roy Buser @
Ruth Ann Cunningham
Lisa Miragliotta-Van Scyoc
Anna Pengov

Other Special music contributors:

Rob Kirkpatrick
Emanuel Mora
William Norris
Brian Pavick
David Rencehausen
Marie Schultz
Debbie Zeller

(* denotes officers; @ bell choir member)

If you are interested in providing special music this summer, please contact Susan Balesky. That INCLUDES folks that do not appear on the list above! Our arms are wide open and ready to invite others to join in the fold. At one point in time, we were ALL new to the group, and it is important that we continue to grow so that generations to come can either be a part of or be impacted positively by the music made at Christ UMC!

To God Be The Glory - forever and ever, Amen!

-Susan

SERMON NOTES

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION¹

When Lydia hears the gospel, she becomes the first Christian in Europe. Led by the Spirit, Lydia's faith is decisive and her witness is immediate. The word opens her heart in love, and she opens her house in hospitality in service of the gospel. How might Lydia's witness excite your sense of ministry and mission this day? Where might you find someone searching for God's word?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Holy Spirit,
enliven in us a faith and witness like Lydia's,
that through deepened prayer
we might rise to action in service of the gospel. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

God, it is night and the time for rest has come.
We have served you in love this day
and for this we give you thanks.
Do not leave us comfortless,
but send your Spirit to abide with us as we trust in you this night. Amen.

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Office Hours this week: Pastor Dianne will be on leave next week and unavailable May 23-30. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Al Naab or Galen Younkin, who can direct you to the pastor on call if necessary.

LITURGIST: *Sandy Foster*

USHERS: *Al Naab, Phil Jennings, John Murphy*

GREETER: *Nancy Horton*

ACOLYTES: *Ian Eagan, Ben Eagan, Eli Gadomski Littleton, TJ Wood, Grace Horton*

AUDIO and VIDEO TECHNICIANS: *John Motley, Rob Pongallo*

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: *Susan Balesky*

ORGANIST/PIANIST: *Anna Pengov*

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: *Desiree Tarpeo*

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Office Hours: *Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-2:00pm*

GOAL - FOCUS - STRATEGIES

GOAL: Grow in relationship with Jesus Christ in order to change the world around us, starting with our own community.

FOCUS: To achieve this goal, we will prioritize reaching out to our community as essential to our personal and congregational growth as Christians.

STRATEGIES:

1. We will build meaningful relationships with the people in our community.
2. We will strive to listen and understand the needs of our community.
3. We will use our building and resources to meet those needs in a tangible way.



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