

Welcome to Christ UMC. We are glad you are here!

Children are always welcome in worship. Activity packs are available near the Sanctuary entrance.

A nursery play space with a live stream of the worship service is open throughout the morning and is adjacent to the church office.

Multiplying Love Worship Series Today we conclude our April worship series on being an inclusive church, as we pray for the UMC General Conference, and which draws from the book "Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together." Books are available in the church office for \$10.

Rev. Emily Carson guest preaching Emily is a Lutheran pastor and serves as Assistant to the Bishop - *Cultivator of a Culture of Generosity and Care* for the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She also serves as the synod's Director for Evangelical Mission. Congregational vitality, stewardship and boundaries education are three of her focus areas. Emily is married to Justin, and they love to take adventures with their dogs, Maeve & Finn. She is also an avid gardner and houseplant propagator.

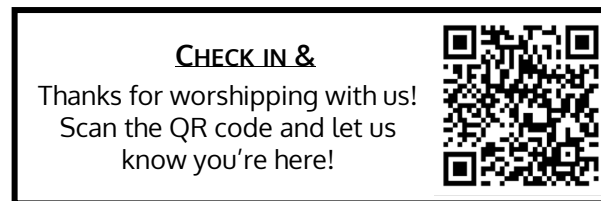


CUMC Foundation College Scholarship The Barbara Griffith Peterson Memorial Scholarship supports students entering their second year or beyond of undergraduate studies. This scholarship provides \$1,000 for a member of the CUMC community who meets the eligibility requirements. Visit cumethodist.com/foundation for the application and to learn more. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2024..

Music at CUMC Choral Arts Ensemble Presents "What's Past is Prologue" Saturday, May 4th at 7:30pm and Sunday, May 5th at 3:00pm. Adults \$30, Students \$10. For Artistic Director Rick Kvam's final concert with Choral Arts Ensemble, he has picked personal choral favorites: some old, some new, some serious, all wonderful. Purchase tickets at www.choralartsensemble.org/tickets.



EarthFest Expo Stop by our booth to connect and have a chat. Get all of the event details earthfestroches-termn.org. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Amanda.



9:00am Traditions Worship
April 28, 2024



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We welcome you and name the sacred power of the
Wahpeton people on whose land we stand

Christ United Methodist Church

With open hearts, open minds and open doors, we welcome people of all races, nationalities, theologies and abilities. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We offer a safe and compassionate place to reconcile faith, identity, hope, understanding and mutual respect.

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. Pam Gervais
Kristy Giere, Piano

Welcome Rev. Amanda Larsen

***Opening Hymn** "He Lives" UMH 310

+Morning Prayer

Lord, give us new strength so that we can build places of belonging:

To create a community for all to share their gifts,

To know that each of us is loved,

To help us to see the light of Christ in all that we serve.

Let us remember that each of us is loved, each of us is willed and each of us is necessary.

We do this in the spirit of love that makes us one. Amen.

Children's Message

Following the Children's Message, preschool and elementary aged children are invited to Sunday School in the Education Wing. Children may be picked up in their classrooms after worship.

Invitation to Give Kathryn Gardner

Offertory Music "Anthems of Love" by Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir

***Doxology** UMH 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

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Gary Lueck

***Hymn** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" TFWS 2223

Hearing the Word Ephesians 3:14-19 Mike Skillern
John 15:4-10

Responding to the Word

One: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message "Koinonia" Rev. Emily Carson

***Closing Hymn** "In Unity We Lift Our Song" TFWS 2221

Connections and Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude "Ein Feste Burg" arr. Wilbur Held
Kristy Giere, Organ

*indicates please stand as you are able

+ Morning Prayer adapted from Andrew M. Greeley Center for Catholic Education, Loyola University

Guest Musician in Worship Join us in welcoming Kristy Giere who is our guest musician in worship. Kristy is an accomplished musician and is recently retired from Zumbro Lutheran Church.

You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude



If you would like to sponsor this ministry, please send an email to our Director of Operations, Jack Jefferson at jack@cumethodist.com. The 9am service airs Sundays @11:30am on KOLM radio 1520 AM. (\$70)

In Our Prayers This Week

Healing and care for Carolyn Gernes

Gratitude for the ministry of the United Women in Faith

For community leaders and the work of just peace

For a welcoming and inclusive church

Prayers for Our Connection & World

For The United Methodist Church

For the General Conference

For the Minnesota Annual Conference