

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.

John Varona's Last Sunday Today we are celebrating John Varona's ministry with us. We will hold a reception for him from 10am-11am. Though John will conclude his service as our principal organist, we give thanks that he will serve as a guest musician at CUMC from time to time.

MLK Day Community Celebrations We encourage you to be part of Rochester's community activities commemorating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. On Monday, January 15 the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce and NAACP Rochester Branch will hold events that include a Freedom March and Freedom Rally. Register at <https://business.rochestermnchamber.com/events>.

Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day The church office will be closed Monday, January 15th in observance of MLK Day. Normal hours resume Tuesday the 16th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

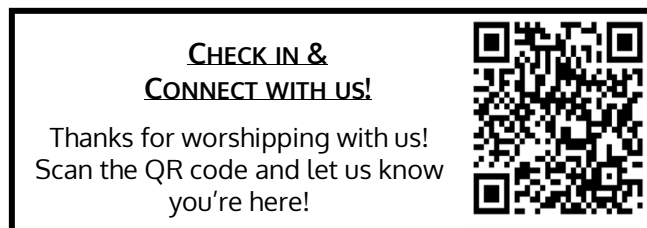
How Civil Wars Start and How to Stop Them Join Reverend Gary Lueck in searching for answers on how to stop civil wars with the book, "How Civil Wars Start: And How to Stop Them" by Barbara F. Walter. Sessions will be Sundays, January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 4:30 – 6:00pm, in-person in Room 145 and on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588011310?pwd=b3JiSVNtUCthQzV4aWZ1dmdqOGlUdz09>. Meeting ID 895 8801 1310 Passcode: stopwars.) The book can be purchased from any major bookseller.

Winter Worship Series Today we kick off our Winter Worship Series entitled "To Tell the Truth-Christian Cliches & What the Bible Doesn't Say" today. We'd love to hear some of the Christian cliches and sayings that you're familiar with. Email your favorite or questionable Christian clichés to samantha@cumethodist.com

Scripture Readers Schedule Would you like to read scripture in worship? We are updating our list of scripture readers and are always glad to add new voices! All reading ages are welcome and training is available. Contact Pastor Jenny to make sure you are on our reading schedule this new year.

Thrift on Fifth January Sale Our store has gotten full again despite our best efforts. We're therefore planning a January Sale; half price on everything from January 6th through January 20th.

Annual Meeting Feb. 4, 2024 We invite you to our annual church conference meeting, which will be on Sunday, February 4 following our two worship services. The theme this year is "All You Need Is Love." The meeting begins with a community potluck meal and we will begin our annual meeting work at 12:30pm. Contact Pastors Jenny or Kirkland for more information.



9:00am Traditions Worship January 14, 2024



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

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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

"Niño Lindo" to the tune of CARACAS

Conga drums, Steve Barlow
Mark Hanson, Trumpet
John Varona, Organ

"Sonata Prima"
John Varona, Organ

Giovanni Viviani

"Sonata in D"
Mark Hanson, Trumpet
John Varona, Organ

Henry Purcell

Welcome

Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

+Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

UMH 57
(vs. 1, 2, 3, 7)

Children's Message

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

Jody Peterson

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music

"This Is My Song"
Jennifer Hill, Soloist
Chancel Choir

arr. Douglas Wagner

*Doxology

"Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

*Prayer of Dedication

+Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

"Let There Be Light"
John Varona, Organ

Théodore Dubois

Hearing the Word

John 5:1-9

Rev. Amanda Larsen

*Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

UMH 117

Hearing the Word

Luke 5:17-26

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

"To Tell the Truth: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?"

Rev. Jenny Cannon

*Closing Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH 133

Recognition of John Varona

Connections and Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude

"Trumpet Jubilee"
Mark Hanson, Trumpet
John Varona, Organ

Martin Ellis

*indicates please stand as you are able

+Call to Worship adapted from Liturgy Link, by Rev. Teri Peterson

+Pastoral Prayer from "Rally- Communal Prayers for Lovers of Jesus" & Justice by Cat Coya

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

Congregational Prayers

- For the witness of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & the ongoing work for racial justice
 - For John Varona and his ministry
 - For peace in Ukraine, The Middle East and other areas of conflict



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)