



Christ United Methodist Church  
*Exodus & the Nature of God*

October 24, 2021  
9:00am Traditions Worship

**Prelude** *Exodus Song* Ernest Gold  
John Varona, Organ

**Welcome** Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

**Hymn** *Amazing Grace* UMH 378

**Morning Prayer (unison)**

Holy and Gracious God  
We give you thanks for the gift of life  
and for the blessings of family  
and friends and love abundant.

Lead us through our trials  
back to you, and love abundant.

Fill us with hope and upheld us by your Holy Spirit.  
Transform us and all our broken ways  
so that we can be made whole in your grace.

And in wholeness may we be  
the hands and heart of Christ.  
Amen.

written by Terri, and posted on RevGalBlogPals.

**Children's Lesson** Jody Peterson  
*Children and families are invited to use our weekly Children's Bulletin  
for special activities that connect with worship and the children's message*

**Call to Offering**

**Musical Offering** *Surely the Lord Is in This Place* Herbert Coville  
Chancel Choir

**Prayers of the People (responsive)**

One: (...)Lord in your mercy,  
Many: Hear our prayer.

**Hymn** *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH 381

**Hearing the Word** Luke 15:11-32 Sam Evans

**Message** "Exodus & the Nature of God"  
Warren Thompson

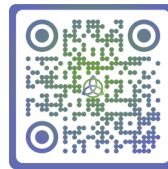
**Hymn** *The Summons* FWS 2130

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Chorale en la mineur* César Franck  
John Varona, Organ

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*

SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE:



Give in-person in the Narthex after the service  
or online at [cumethodist.com/give](http://cumethodist.com/give)

Congregational Prayers:

For Michelle Paopao who is hospitalized  
for healthcare professionals and caregivers  
For those in the process of adoption  
For the people of Haiti and their leaders

**Film Screening - 5:00pm  
November 7, 2021**

*For They Know Not What They Do*, a film by the director of *For the Bible Tells Me So*, explores the intersection of religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity in America through the stories of four families of faith. A brief 30-minute discussion will follow the 90-minute film.

Ministry Updates:

- **Trunk or Treat at 3:30pm today!** Trunk or Treat is an opportunity for children of all ages to enjoy Halloween fun, get some candy, and maybe even test out a new costume. From 3:30-5:00, Christ UMC will have decorated car trunks to visit. Members will hand out candy or a noncandy treat. We are also looking forward to music and dancing, tests of skill and luck, and a few spooky surprises in the haunted hallway.
- **The more trunks the merrier** - If you would like to decorate your trunk, we would love to have you arrive at 3:00pm to get everything set up in the East parking lot. You can bring candy, or we will have some for you to hand out.
- **Thrive's Halloween Parade - 3:00pm Friday, October 29.** With COVID precautions still in place, the children of Thrive are going to parade around the front of the church in their costumes!
- **We're making preparations to move the 11am Arise worship service back to the ECC.** We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday, October 31 to help us hold our first Arise service in the ECC since the start of the covid-19 pandemic.

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

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**Arise! Music Director:** Oliver Books\*  
**Principal Organist:** John Varona\*  
**Handbell Ensemble Directors:** Paul Kingsbury (adults)\*  
 & Kari Hanson (children)\*  
**Children's Choir Director:** Karla Sukov\*  
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## Sunday October 24, 2021

- 9:00am ~ Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)
- 10:15am ~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)
- 11:00am ~ Arise Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 1:30pm ~ Youth Haunted Hallway Trunk or Treat Setup
- 3:00pm ~ Trunk or Treat Setup & Car decoration
- 3:30pm ~ Trunk or Treat (East Lot and Labyrinth)

## Monday October 25, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 11:15am ~ Monday Men's Discussion Group (Zoom)
- 5:30pm ~ All Church Read Discussion Group (Zoom)

## Tuesday October 26, 2021

- 1:00pm ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)  
~ UMW Quilters (Wesley Hall)
- 7:00pm ~ All Church Read Discussion Group (Zoom)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

## Wednesday October 27, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Online Knitting Group (WebEx)
- 5:00pm ~ Jubilee Bells (Bell Room)
- 5:30pm ~ CU Wednesdays Inside Out Activity & Snack
- 6:00pm ~ Celebration Bells Rehearsal (Bell Room)  
~ Club 6-7 (Youth Room)  
~ Confirmation (ECC)  
~ CU Stay & Play (Education Wing)
- 7:00pm ~ Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)  
~ Genesis Conversation (Zoom)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

## Thursday October 28, 2021

- 8:00am ~ Men's Coffee Group (Room 145)
- 8:30am ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
- 4:00pm ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 7:00pm ~ UMW Circle 4 (WebEx)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

## Friday October 29, 2021

no events

## Saturday October 30, 2021

- 7:30am ~ Saturday Noon Meals (Prep at CUMC, serve at the Landing)

## Sunday October 31, 2021 - Halloween! (Wear Costumes to Worship!)

- 9:00am ~ Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)
- 10:15am ~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)
- 11:00am ~ Arise Worship Service (Returning to the ECC!)



If you would like to sponsor this ministry, please send an email to our Director of Operations, Jack Jefferson at [Jack@cumethodist.com](mailto:Jack@cumethodist.com). The 9AM service airs Sunday @11:30AM on KOLM radio. 1520 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

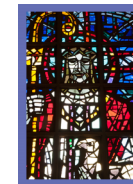
- **All Saints Sunday** You are invited to attend our special in-person or online All Saints Sunday service on Sunday, November 7st 2021 at 9:00 or 11:00 am. We will name, remember, and celebrate our saints who have gone before us.
- **We're looking for writers and creators of all ages for our Advent Devotional** as we reflect on the theme of Thresholds: Entering the Christmas Story. Written reflections (200 words or less) drawings, photos or poetry are all ways you can participate and we'll offer a scripture to help inspire your work. Contact the church office to sign up. Submissions are due by Nov. 1.
- **We're Hiring! Apply Today to Join Our Team.** Christ UMC is hiring for our Director of Youth Ministries position, which is 30 hours per week. The Director of Youth Ministries supports CUMC's mission by fostering an engaging, fun, safe and inclusive environment for youth faith formation. Head to [cumethodist.com/career-opportunities](http://cumethodist.com/career-opportunities) to view the position description. Contact Pastor Kirkland to apply or for more info.



- **Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk Sales** - Join us for Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk sales on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of November from 9am-Noon. We are appreciative of all the amazing donations we have been getting. We are especially looking for warm coats and jackets for all ages and for cold weather clothing in child and teen sizes. We will move inside during inclement weather.



- **Green Tip of the Week from EarthKeepers:** With God's leading, Joseph used the seven years of plenty to store up food, preparing for the coming years of drought and famine (Genesis 40-43). His action served not only the Egyptians but also the surrounding foreigners, including his own family. How might you be a "Joseph," working now for a better future for all? What are you doing now to address issues around climate change?



## Christ United Methodist Church

Creating committed Christ Followers  
for the transformation of the world.

9:00am Traditions Worship ~ October 24, 2021

Hope means to keep living  
amid desperation  
and to keep humming  
in the darkness.

Hoping is knowing that there is love,  
it is trust in tomorrow  
it is falling asleep  
and waking again  
when the sun rises.

In the midst of a gale at sea,  
it is to discover land.

In the eyes of another  
It is to see that he understands you.

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As long as there is still hope  
There will also be prayer.

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And God will be holding you  
in his hands.

~ from *With Open Hands*  
Henri J.M. Nouwen

*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.*

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

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Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

We give thanks together.

November 23 ~ 7:00pm