

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.

CUMC New Members Class Today from 12:00-2:00pm Would you like to know more about CUMC or explore what it means to be a member? Join Pastors Jenny & Kirkland for our next New Members Class today. Lunch & childcare provided.

Lent Read We are using the book "Forgiveness: A Lenten Study" by Marjorie J. Thompson through the season of Lent. Discussion groups will be in-person in the Fireside Room Sundays from 10:15 am (between church services) or on [Zoom](#) (meeting id 879 5667 5126) Sundays from 4:30-5:30pm.

Easter Flower Orders Easter flower order forms are available at the church office and online at <https://cumethodist.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/92/responses/new>. Lilies are \$15, mums & cyclamens are \$20. You will have the opportunity to dedicate the plants to a loved one or donate them to a home-bound member. Call the office with questions. **Last day to order is Sunday, March 10th!**

UMCOR Sunday March 10th Join us on March 10 as we celebrate UMCOR's work assisting vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need. New disasters strike around the world every year. Please consider offering your gifts to help cover UMCOR's administrative costs as they work to help those who are hurting. Our congregation's gift to the UMCOR Sunday offering supports UMCOR's ability to respond and provide assistance and aid in development.

Girl Scout Cookies The St. Francis Girl Scout Troop will be here March 10th for a Girl Scout Cookie Sale! Cookies will be available in between morning services from 10am-11am.


Donate Non-Chocolate Candy & Trinkets for Easter Eggs! We are preparing for our 2024 Easter Sunday Egg Hunt and we need your help! Our goodies this year will include fair-trade chocolate from the United Women in Faith, some candy and other trinkets. We need your help with non-chocolate candy and trinkets! Please bring your donations to the church office by Friday, March 22.

Community Reconciliation—Forgiveness in Rwanda with Leilani Henry March 13th at 11am
How does a community recover from genocide and colonialism? What state of mind and heart helps a whole country come together through trauma? Leilani Henry will join us for a zoom event to share her recent experience in Rwanda and provide reflection and conversation about forgiveness. [Zoom](#) Meeting id: 860 1806 9223.



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Thanks for worshipping with us!
Scan the QR code and let us know you're here!



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9:00am Traditions Worship
March 3, 2024



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

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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 "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" arr. Bach and Manz
Lee Afdahl, Organ

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***Opening Hymn** "Jesus, United By Thy Grace" UMH 561

Children's Message Jody Peterson
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.

Invitation to Give Dr. Peggy Johnson

***Doxology** "A Lenten Doxology" Tune of UMH 95

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastoral Prayer

Hearing the Word Matthew 5:43-48, 7:1-6 Frank Borhardt

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.

***Hymn** "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

Message "That's the Power of Love (and Humility)" Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

+Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion, which is served with bread and nonalcoholic grape juice. Gluten free also available.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

***Closing Hymn** "Your Love, O God" UMH 120

Connections and Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude "Grand Choeur" by Theodore Salome
Lee Afdahl, Organ

*indicates please stand as you are able

Guest Musician in Worship Join us in welcoming Lee Afdahl who is our guest musician in worship. A graduate of Luther College, Decorah, IA, Lee is a church musician with fifty years of experience in leading active programs of choral and handbell ensembles in Michigan and Minnesota. He is the Director of Music Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, Rochester.

+Prayer of Confession by Cole Arthur Riley

+Communion Liturgy adapted from by Enfleshed.com

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)

Congregational Prayers

For first responders and their families

For the families of Adam Finseth, Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge

For the work of racial justice

For peace & an end to violence in the Middle East

For the ministry of the Minnesota Conference