

Christ United Methodist Church
***I've Been Meaning to Ask:
Where Are You From?***

July 4, 2021

*Indicates to stand as you are able.
(UMH) United Methodist Hymnal (the red book)
(FWS) Faith We Sing (the black book)

Prelude *Fanfare for the Common Man* Aaron Copland
John Varona, Organ

Words of Welcome & Grace Rev. Jenny Cannon

Call to Worship Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

One: We are from north and south.
We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

All: We are from this city and from others far away.
We are from big families and dinners made for one.

One: We are from stages of grief and stages of love.
We are from hot summers and cold winters.

All: We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,
and front porches with old, familiar swings.

One: We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.
We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

All: Today we are together.
Holy God, gather us in.

by Rev. Sarah Are

***Hymn** *Gather Us In* FWS 2236

Morning Prayer

Children's Lesson Jody Peterson

Hearing the Word Genesis 2:4b-15 Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

***Hymn** *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us* UMH 100

Call to Offering

Musical Offering *Arabesque No. 1* Claude Debussy
Kalle Akkerman, piano

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

Hearing the Word John 1:35-41

Sermon "I've Been Meaning to Ask: Where Are You From?"
Rev. Jenny Cannon

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession (please join in confession)
Prayer adapted from Rev. Sarah Are

God of North, South, East, and West,
Thank you for scooping up the dirt and breathing life into it.
Thank you for forming this body, this life, this world, these people.
Thank you for drawing us in, for holding us up,
and for weaving us together—
Today we come to you in prayer with gratitude overflowing—
for the places we've been,
for the people who've shaped us,
and for the spaces we call home.
But we also come to you to name and confess the burdens of our hearts
And we take time now in silence to offer them to you.

(Silence)

Creator God,
You know our confessions, our longings and our deepest truth.
Forgive us where we have failed and renew us in love.
Free us to live as part of your beloved kin-dom in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15
The Great Thanksgiving adapted from Judy K Brandon (peacefulpebbles.blog)

Communion Hymn *One Bread One Body* (Refrain) UMH 620

The Lord's Prayer (words on screen)

***Hymn** *This Is My Song* UMH 437

***Benediction**

Postlude *Stars and Stripes Forever* John Philip Sousa
John Varona, Organ

Thank you for worshiping with us! Please join us again.

Coming Soon!

- The Christ United Methodist Church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Independence Day.
- **Vacation Bible School is ONE WEEK AWAY!** There is still time to sign up, just type tinyurl.com/VBS2021CUMC into your internet browser and fill out the form! For kids going into Kindergarden through Grade 5, join for PRAISE! For everyone older, we are looking for volunteers - email Grace@cumethodist.com to get involved!

Congregational Prayers:

- For our nation, its leaders and citizens that we may be guided by peace with justice
- For family and friend reunions
- For those living with dementias and their caregivers
- For the children coming to Vacation Bible School
- For Karen Hamand, mother of Dawn Freshwater, receiving care from hospice



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To use, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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Handbell Ensemble Directors: Paul Kingsbury (adults)*
& Kari Hanson (children)*

Children's Choir Director: Karla Sukov

Sunday Morning Tech: Brent Sorgenfrie, Martin Gardner, Joel Ott

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To email a pastor: pastor(firstname)@cumethodist.com

To email a staff member: (first name)@cumethodist.com

Sunday July 4, 2021 - Communion Sunday

- 9:00am ~ Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15am ~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)
- 10:30am ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)

Monday July 5, 2021

Building Closed

Tuesday July 6, 2021

- 1:00pm ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)

Wednesday July 7, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Executive Committee Meeting
- ~ Knitting Group (WebEx)
- 6:00pm ~ Youth Group (Youth Room)
- 7:00pm ~ Books of Genesis Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday July 8, 2021

- 8:00am ~ Men's Coffee Group (Room 145)
- 8:30am ~ Gardening Team Work (Meet in East Lot)
- ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
- 4:00pm ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 7:00pm ~ Circle 4 Meeting (WebEx)

Friday July 9, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Rug Hooking Group
- ~ Women and the Sacred

Saturday July 10, 2021

- 9:00am ~ Gardening Team Work (Meet in the East Lot)
- 2:00pm ~ Kathryn Litehiser Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:00pm ~ Kathryn Litehiser Memorial Reception

Sunday July 11, 2021

- 9:00am ~ Sanctuary Worship
- 10:00am ~ Safe Sanctuary Training (ECC)
- ~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)
- ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)



If you would like to sponsor this ministry, please send an email to our Director of Communications, Oliver Books oliver@cumethodist.com. The 9AM service airs Sunday @11:30AM on KOLM radio. 1520 AM



Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk Sales will return!

Time: 9am-12pm, masks required
Saturday, August 7 & 21

Location: West Entrance

Come shop outdoors and bring your lightly used spring & summer clothing for our donation bin! Donations are only accepted during these sidewalk sales.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- **Are you new or nearly new?** July 21 we're hosting "Meeting Christ Fellowship" in the Fireside Room (across the hall from the church office). If you or anyone you know are interested in joining the church have them send us an email and join this introductory fellowship: Grace@cumethodist.com
- **The new nursery** is looking to fill up its shelves with enriching activities for our children! We have an Amazon registry created so that you can help our Nursery shine! Just type: [tinyurl.com/CUMCNurseryRegistry](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=A_R_I_S&pf_rd_p=81111111-1111-4444-8888-888888888888) into your web browser.



ALL CHURCH CAMPOUT

August 13 - 15

You can join us at the campsite, book your own, or join us part of the time. The church bus will bring people for the day on Saturday, August 14.

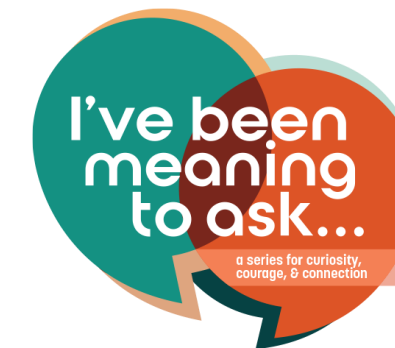
Sign Up TODAY!

[tinyurl.com/AllChurchCamp2021](https://www.tinyurl.com/AllChurchCamp2021)



Christ United Methodist Church

Creating committed Christ Followers
for the transformation of the world.



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.