

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

Children are always welcome in worship. Our nursery is adjacent to the church office. Activity packs are available near the Sanctuary entrance. There are always two adults in our nursery. You may stay with your child if you like.

Joyce Gibbs 90th Joyce would love it if you would stop by the Charter House on August 19th from 2-4pm to celebrate her 90th birthday. Please no gifts.

CU Summer Wednesday August 23rd Slip & Slide into the school year! Meet us on the church grounds for an hour of slip and slide fun. Parents will have the opportunity to reconnect and learn more about our fall plans for church. We are putting the finishing touches on all Fall and Winter programming. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Amanda pastoramanda@cumethodist.com.

Thrift on Fifth Our end of summer sale will be August 16th - August 30th. All items will be half price. We're getting ready for your donations of fall and winter items. And if you have any backpacks you're not using, either child or adult size, we'd be happy to find them a new home. Thanks for being such a generous congregation.

Concert on Sept. 10th Save the date for a concert with song writer, composer, artist and church musician Ken Medema, Sunday September 10th at 3pm. Tickets can be purchased using the QR code and at the church office for \$5. Learn more about Ken at kenmedema.com.



Thrive Gala is in need of auction items!

Thrive is turning five this Fall and will celebrate with a fundraising gala plus a silent, live and online auction on Oct. 7th. What we need: New items, individual items or basket of assorted/related items. Events such as sport or theater tickets, gourmet dinners, etc. Places to go: a weekend condo, cabin, hotel package. Gift cards to your favorite restaurants or entertainment venue. If you have items for the auction or questions, please contact Jennifer Hazelton 507-251-3177.

Save the Date!

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THRIVE IS TURNING FIVE!

Join us for a fundraiser supporting
Thrive Child Care and Family Resource Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th 6:30 PM

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
400 5TH AVE SW ROCHESTER, MN 55902

More details to come!

Golden Member Celebration On August 27th we'll be celebrating long-term members of CUMC, especially those who have been members for 50 years or more. A reception will take place in the Commons between services. In worship we'll also be highlighting the gifts and ministries of older adults in the church.

Backpack Blessing Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks, messenger bags, planners or briefcases for a blessing of the backpacks in worship on August 27th. We'll offer a special prayer for the beginning of the school year and share backpack tags to remind you that God has your back!



**CHECK IN &
CONNECT WITH US!**

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



Christ United Methodist Church
Creating committed Christ followers for the transformation of the world.



9:00am Traditions Worship

August 13, 2023



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.

Hymn Sing

Welcome

Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

*Opening Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

UMH 62

+Morning Prayer

Words Onscreen

Children’s Message

Jody Peterson

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
Doris Akers

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. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

*Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Leads Us”

UMH 381
vs. 1-3

Hearing the Word

Numbers 22:20-35, 38

Scripture Response

Message

“That’ll Do, Donkey. That’ll Do.”

Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

*Closing Hymn

“Be Still My Soul”

UMH 534

Connections & Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude

“Allegro Pomposo”
Charles Blackmore

John Varona, Organ

*indicates please stand as you are able

+Morning Prayer -adapted from Dr. Susan M. (Elli) Elliott.
Source: <http://ellielliott.webs.com/sermonsprayers.htm>

We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation after today’s worship service
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. (\$60)

Congregational Prayers

- Gratitude for end of summer activities such as swimming outdoors, enjoying watermelon, iced cold lemonade, and camping
 - Welcoming new neighbors at home and at church
 - Lifting up those who need a fresh start
 - Praying for those who need healing and hope
 - Prayers of comfort and healing for people and creation in Hawaii
 - For Dianne Thomas on the death of her brother Ron on August 8
 - Prayers for Denny & Dee Tweed on the loss of their son Mitch on August 10