



Christ United Methodist Church  
**13th Sunday After Pentecost**

August 22, 2021

**Prelude** *Air from the Orchestral Suite in D* J.S. Bach  
 John Varona, Organ

**Words of Welcome & Grace** Rev. Jenny Cannon

**\*Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**Morning Prayer** Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

**Children's Lesson** Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

**Hearing the Word** 1 Kings 8:22-30 Mae Belle Erickson

**Call to Offering**

**Musical Offering** *Partita on Simple Gifts* Noel Goemanne  
 John Varona, Organ

**Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Hearing the Word** Psalm 84 UMH 805

**Message** "A Home for Every Sparrow" Rev. Jenny Cannon

**Affirmation of Faith** The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886

One: We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;  
 and in Jesus Christ incarnate among us, who died and rose again;  
 and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide,  
 strengthen, and comfort.

**All: We believe; God, help our unbelief.**

One: We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:  
 in the upholding of human dignity and community;  
 in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;  
 in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;  
 in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us  
 that all may have enough;

in all responsible use of the earth's resources.  
**All: Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.**  
 One: We confess our sin, individual and collective. by silence or action:  
 through the violation of human dignity  
 based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;  
 through the exploitation of people  
 because of greed and indifference;  
 through the misuse of power in personal, communal,  
 national, and international life;  
 through the search for security by those military and  
 economic forces that threaten human existence;  
 through the abuse of technology  
 which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**All: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

One: We commit ourselves individually and as a community  
 to the way of Christ: to take up the cross;  
 to seek abundant life for all humanity;  
 to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;  
 to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,  
 praying that God's kingdom may come.

**All: Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
 Alternate Tune UMH 611

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Toccata* Théodore Dubois  
 Arise Worship Band

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

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

***Flowers on the altar and radio Ministry sponsored this Sunday  
 by Ann Roering in memory of her husband Lad Roering***

**This Week:**

- **Today from 2-4pm!~ InBetweener Corn/Steak feed is now the Ice Cream Social!** This year in 2021, we are going to do something different. We all want to get together and talk and eat. However, we won't have a corn/steak feed. Instead, we will have an Ice Cream Social. If you would like to attend, call or email Dick and Deedee Odell. 507-281-2755 or [ddbells@aol.com](mailto:ddbells@aol.com).
- **The Annual Conference has returned to the "Yellow" phase. This means:**
  - **Masks are currently required in the building if you are vaccinated or unvaccinated.** Face masks are located at church building entrances. Hand sanitizer is available throughout our building
  - **Maintain physical distancing** of at least 6 feet
  - There will be **no congregational singing**
  - **Please fill out the contact tracing card** located in your bulletin and return them to the offering baskets.
- **Keep an eye on our communications.** The rising case numbers might make some of our upcoming events look a little different or shift timeframes. Be sure to subscribe to our email list (<https://cumethodist.com/get-connected>) or sign up for a hard copy of the New Spirit Newsletter if you prefer a physical copy. (details on back of bulletin)

**Congregational Prayers:**

- For the family of Marianne Buss who died August 13
- For Alan Stepanek, for support and for a speedy recovery
- For the people of Haiti and Afghanistan
- For those serving in prison ministry



Audio induction loop systems (T loops) are available.  
 To use, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

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## Sunday August 22, 2021

- 9:00am ~ Sanctuary Worship
- 10:00am ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)  
~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)
- 2:00pm ~ Inbetweeners Ice Cream Social

## Monday August 23, 2021

- 11:15am ~ Monday Men's Discussion Group (Library)

## Tuesday August 24, 2021

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

## Wednesday August 25, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Executive Committee Meeting (Mettam)  
~ Online Knitting Group (WebEx)
- 6:00pm ~ Celebration Bells Rehearsal (Bell Room)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

## Thursday August 26, 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)
- 5:30pm ~ Leadership Board Meeting (Mettam)
- 7:00pm ~ Circle 4 Meeting (WebEx)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

## Friday August 27, 2021


- 10:00am ~ Rug Hooking Group (Room 145)  
~ Women & the Sacred (Fireside)

## Saturday August 28, 2021

- 7:30am ~ Saturday Noon Meals (Prep at CUMC, serve at the Landing)
- 3:00pm ~ Apollo Music Festival (Sanctuary)

## Sunday August 29, 2021

- 9:00am ~ Sanctuary Worship (Blessing Backpacks!)
- 10:00am ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)  
~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)



**Thrift on Fifth Sidewalk Sales will return!**  
**Time:** 9am-12pm, masks required  
**Saturday, September 11 & 18**  
**Location:** West Entrance  
Come shop outdoors and bring your lightly used spring & summer clothing for our donation bin!

Give online: CCB, our church database lets you manage your giving and see your statements in real time at <https://cumethodist.ccbchurch.com>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

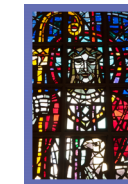
- *There will be no UMW Nut Sales this year, due to Covid-19 uncertainty. We hope to be able to resume nut sales in 2022.*
- **Beginning in September "The New Spirit"** monthly newsletter will be focused on Digital distribution to cut down on our environmental footprint. If you would still like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter please call the church office 507-289-4019 or send an email to [oliver@cumethodist.com](mailto:oliver@cumethodist.com)
- **Apollo Music Festival - August 28, at 3:00pm ~ Sanctuary** Every year, for two weeks leading up to Labor Day, the Apollo Music Festival facilitates concerts for Southeastern Minnesota featuring musicians from around the country. This year Christ United Methodist Church is among the proud hosts for these renowned musicians. This concert is free, and made possible through a grant from the MN State Arts Board
- **Immigration Justice educational opportunity.** Learn about how a church can help with sponsoring a refugee family. There is a Zoom meeting introducing the program on **August 24th at 7:30pm**. For information contact Kristina Hammell at 507-721-9204 or [khammell@ccomn.org](mailto:khammell@ccomn.org). If you are interested in becoming more involved contact the church office [email@cumethodist.com](mailto:email@cumethodist.com)
- **Robert Ragoonanan Organ & Piano Recital - September 11, 2021 ~ 7pm Agora Suite - Sharon J. Willis • Selections from Deep River Collection - Moses Hogan • O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig - J.S. Bach • Organ Symphony No. 1 - Louis Vierne.** Robert S. Ragoonanan is a graduate of Luther College (B.A. in Music) and Bowling Green State University (M.M. in Orchestral Conducting). He has found success as a conductor across the United States and Europe, conducting orchestras, choirs, new music groups, and wind ensembles.
- **An Influenza Vaccine Clinic at CUMC will be held in the Fireside Room on October 10 from 8:30 to 11:00 AM.** Please bring your Medicare/ health insurance cards. Wear short sleeves. Hy-Vee Pharmacy is offering a quadrivalent injectable vaccine (ages 3 and over). The FluMist intranasal vaccine (ages 3-49) and a high-dose quadrivalent injectable vaccine recommended for those over the age of 65. Additional information will be provided.
- **Stay tuned for more information about our worship schedules for the upcoming program year.**



# Blessing Backpacks

9am Worship • August 29

Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to worship and we will offer a blessing for the new school year!



## Christ United Methodist Church

Creating committed Christ Followers  
for the transformation of the world.



*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

~ 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.*

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