

**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.

**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 to the right and at the church office for \$5. Learn more about Ken at [kenmedema.com](http://kenmedema.com). Ken will also be our musical guest in both services.



Purchase Tickets Here

**Rally Sunday** September 10 a new program year is kicking off at CUMC! On Rally Sunday this year we'll host Ken Medema to share music in our morning worship services, enjoy special treats for coffee break and celebrate a ministry fair from 10-11am in the Commons and Education Wing where you can learn more about our small groups, ministries and service opportunities.

**CU Wednesday Kickoff** On Wednesday, September 6 we will have an open house from 6:30-7:30pm to drop in and learn more about Kids with Purpose, Club 6-7 and our music groups. Confirmation students and parents will meet at 6:30pm for an introduction meeting. Choose your Own Adventure Rally Sunday is September 10 & that will be the first night of youth group from 4:30-6:00pm. CU Wednesday with the meal, music groups & others will begin on September 13.

**Disciple Bible Study Starting September 13** Join Pastor Kirkland during CU Wednesdays for an engaging and easy-to-jump-into Bible Study. Using the BeADisciple app, you will have everything you need to participate. You may participate in-person or by Zoom. Learn more about [BeADiscipleApp.com](http://BeADiscipleApp.com) & contact [Pastor Kirkland](mailto:Pastor Kirkland) to RSVP or for more info.

**UWF Rummage Sale** Hurray! The UWF Rummage Sale will be held on September 15th and 16th. Check out your kitchens, closets, basements for gently used items you no longer need. These items can be dropped off at CUMC on Thursday, September 14th from 8:30-4:30. We also need men and women to help accept donations and set up on Thursday 8:30-4:30, assist during the rummage sale, Friday 8:30-4:30pm, Saturday 8:30-12pm and cleanup on Saturday at noon. If you have any questions, items to donate, or would like to help, please contact Kathy Lawson at 507-951-4008.

**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 week-end 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 or [jenhazelton63@gmail.com](mailto:jenhazelton63@gmail.com).

**Community Hoedown** Join us on Sunday, September 24 from 4-6pm for a free Community Hoedown in our east parking lot, featuring live music from our Arise Praise Band, square dancing, games, food, beverages and more. Opportunities to volunteer are available. Contact the church office for more information.

**Church Office Staff Update** Beginning the week of September 11, Susan Ross will serve as our Interim Financial Secretary while our Director of Operations Jack Jefferson takes a temporary leave from the church office. You may contact Susan about finance & stewardship matters at [susan@cumethodist.com](mailto:susan@cumethodist.com).

**Closed for Labor Day** The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. If you have any questions please contact Jack Jefferson, Director of Operations at [jack@cumethodist.com](mailto:jack@cumethodist.com).



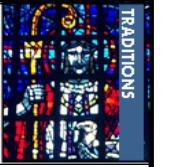
**CHECK IN &  
CONNECT WITH US!**

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.



**10:00am Combined Worship**

**September 3, 2023**



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

507-289-4019  
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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.*

**Prelude** "With My Own Two Hands" Arise Band  
Ben Harper

**Welcome** Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

**\*Opening Hymn** "God Is Here" UMH 660

**+Morning Prayer** Words Onscreen

**Children's Message** Jody Peterson

**Invitation to Give**

**Offertory Music** "Festive Trumpet Tune" Rich Frevert  
David German John Varona

**\*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**

**Hearing The Word** Romans 12:9-21

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hearing the Word** Matthew 16:21-25

**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.

**Message**

"Doing the Work"

Rev. Jenny Cannon

**+Holy Communion**

UMH 15

*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

**Music During Communion**

"If I Had a Hammer"  
Pete Seeger

Arise Band

**\*Closing Hymn**

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Arise Band

**Connections & Next Steps**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

"Postlude in Classic Style"  
Gordon Young

John Varona, Organ

\*indicates please stand as you are able

+Morning Prayer adapted from ucc.com

+Holy Communion liturgy adapted from enfleshed.com

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](mailto:jack@cumethodist.com). The 9am service airs Sundays @11:30am on KOLM radio 1520 AM. (\$60)

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## Congregational Prayers

- For workers and all seeking work
- For the Jacksonville, FL community and everyone impacted by gun violence
  - For everyone impacted by Hurricane Idalia
  - For everyone impacted by fire, floods, and extreme heat
- For students, educators, staff, and administrators at the start of a new school year