

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

### Opening Songs

*10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)  
Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

### Sharing the Peace of Christ

### Children's Message

Jody Peterson

*Following the children's message children preschool through 3rd grade are invited to attend Sunday School in the education wing. Children will return to worship before the end of the service.*

### Scripture

Ephesians 1:15-23

### Meditation

"Our Story and Our Song"  
Rev. Jenny Cannon

### Invitation to Give

*Listen to the Music by The Doobie Brothers*

### Prayers of the People

*Scan QR code to submit your prayers to display on screen during worship*



### Scripture

Psalms 100

**Video:** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

### Holy Communion & Candlelighting

*If You Want to Sing Out Sing Out by Yusuf Islam*

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

### Prayer of Gratitude

### Closing Song

*The Earth Is Yours*

### Connections & Next Steps

### Blessing

## Congregational Prayers

- For those traveling during the Thanksgiving holiday
- Gratitude for the Rochester community
- Celebration of Native American Heritage Month
- For peace and safety in Israel and Gaza



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

**Children in Worship** Children are always welcome in worship. Activity packs are available at both ECC entrances. A nursery play space with a live stream of the worship service is open throughout the morning and is adjacent to the church office.

**Advent Organ Concert Series** Join us as we reflect on how blues music reflects the longing & hope of the Advent season. December 5, 12, 19 at 12:15pm in the sanctuary & livestreamed on Facebook & Youtube.

**2023 Advent Devotional** This year's Advent devotional is Maya Angelou and the Freedom Poetry of Advent. Hard copies will be in the church office starting Nov. 28th or contact Samantha at [samantha@cumethodist.com](mailto:samantha@cumethodist.com) to receive a weekly devotional email.

**All Church Read and Study Book for Advent** Hope Is Here! by Luther E. Smith Jr. By interpreting hope and five spiritual practices for individuals & congregations to experience the power of hope, Hope Is Here! prepares us to engage racism, mass incarceration, environment crises, divisive politics, and indifference that imperil justice and beloved community. Group conversation will be held on Sundays, November 26, December 3, 10 and 17 from 4:30–6:00 pm in Room 145 and on Zoom. Books are available in the church office for \$15.00, or you can purchase the eBook on Kindle for \$11.49.

**UWF Cookie Orders** The time is here to place your order for Christmas. On Sundays, December 3rd & 10th, you can place your orders at our table in the Commons. During the week you can leave your order at the church office. The orders are by weight 1/2 pound(\$10), 1 pound (\$20), 1 1/2 pounds (\$30), 2 pounds (\$35) & Pantry Party Mix (\$9 per quart.) There will be gluten free available also. **Orders need to be in by December 10th** & pick up on the 17th of December 8:30am to 12pm. Order forms will be in the Commons & the church office.

### Christmas Anonymous Volunteers Needed

Christmas Anonymous is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of shifts both before and after store day (December 9th). Bring your muscle and your attitude and meet some other good humans! It doesn't happen without you! Sign up and learn more at [ChristmasAnonymous.org](https://ChristmasAnonymous.org). They also have a list of items needed, which is available to view at the visitors desk in the commons or online at [cumethodist.com/christmas-anonymous-donations](https://cumethodist.com/christmas-anonymous-donations).

**We Are Hiring!** CUMC is hiring a Pastor of Congregational Care and a Principal Organist. Learn more about these positions and apply at [cumethodist.com/career-opportunities](https://cumethodist.com/career-opportunities).

**Zumbro Valley Medical Society Eye Clinic at CUMC December 2nd** Join ZVMS from 1-5pm for free eye exams, free optical care and free glasses. We are also hosting a donation drive through December 2nd. Glasses, glass cases, cleaner and reading glasses can be dropped off in the bin in the commons.

**Volunteers Needed** We are in need of volunteers to help staff the front desk. Duties include answering phones, greeting visitors and helping the staff with administrative tasks. Computer proficiency is a big plus. Hours would be from 10am-2pm; however we always appreciate any time you can donate! For more info please contact Jack Jefferson, Director of Operations at [jack@cumethodist.com](mailto:jack@cumethodist.com).

**The Upper Room Disciplines 2024** The Upper Room Disciplines devotional book for 2024 is now available for purchase in the church office. Small print is \$13 and large print is \$16. You can also order it as an eBook for \$9.99 from Cokesbury or Upper Room, or \$8.49 on Amazon for the Kindle.

**11am Arise Worship**

**November 26, 2023**

## Almost Sacraments: Everyday Ways We Encounter God's Grace



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Thanks for worshipping with us!  
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you're here!



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