



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
APRIL 19, 2026  
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*At Christ UMC our Faith moves, God's Love transforms,  
so we can make a Difference.*

Sunday School ~ 9:00 AM  
Worship ~ 10:00 AM

\* We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! We pray you find a warm welcome and a moving worship experience.

\* Please register your attendance on the *Connection Card* found in the pew book holder.

\* Nursery for **children ages 5 and under** is located across the courtyard in the Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher for assistance in locating.

\* Children **Kindergarten thru Fifth grade** will be dismissed for Children's Church following the Children's Moment. Children's Church is also located in the Fellowship Hall. Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the Narthex.

\* Williams Hearing Assist listening devices are available at the sound booth.

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<https://www.ChristUnited.net> / Office Hours: M-Th 9am-4pm, Fri 9-11 am

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	DARWALL'S 148th
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
WELCOME		
MISSION SPOTLIGHT		Mrs. Jennifer Davidson
OPENING PRAYER		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
CALL TO WORSHIP		
<b>Leader:</b> Family of God, when we feel afraid and pressed in on every side...		
<b>People:</b> <b>The Spirit protects and advocates for us.</b>		
<b>Leader:</b> When the world's problems seem too big to solve, and we don't know how to do the next right thing...		
<b>People:</b> <b>The Spirit comforts and strengthens us.</b>		
<b>Leader:</b> When we need wisdom to know what is ours to do and the courage to act...		
<b>People:</b> <b>The Spirit counsels and empowers us.</b>		
<b>Leader:</b> Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!		
<b>All: Today, we call once again on the Holy Spirit to empower us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.</b>	<i>Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026.</i>	
VIDEO		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE ~ UMH # 500 (vs 1, 3, 4, 5)		NATIONAL HYMN
	<i>Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart</i>	
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ UMH #881		Lay Reader & Congregation
* GLORIA PATRI ~ UMH # 70		MEINEKE
MORNING & LORD'S PRAYER		Lay Reader & Congregation
* HYMN OF PREPARATION ~ UMH #606 (all vs) <i>Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine</i>		KINGSFOLD
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>Nature of Praise Medley</i>	Arr. KARTSONAKIS
* DOXOLOGY ~ UMH # 95		OLD 100TH
SPECIAL MUSIC <i>Easter People All Are We</i>	Chancel Choir / Arr. CLYDESDALE	
SCRIPTURE		Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / Luke 24:30-31
	The Word and Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. <b>Praise be to God!</b>	
SERMON	"Empowered by the Holy Spirit"	The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ TFWS # 2129 (all vs) <i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>		ASSAM
* BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Verso in E Minor</i>	ZIPOLI
	* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.	

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## IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS

Kay Segars; Revival at Christ UMC; Jackie Wilcher (Robin's mom) & her brothers Jay & Jon; Robin's nephew Jessie, friends Jesse & Mike; Robin's neighbors' brother; Freda Bazor.

## SERVING TODAY

**Acolytes:** Akira Obi & Zoey Evans

**Children's Church:** Robin Wilcher

**Counter:** Mike Crocker

**Lay Reader:** Tami Galipo

**Live Stream:** Tyler Davidson

**Media & Sound:** Mike Crocker

**Ushers:** Bryan List \* & Harry Hall

\* help with offering



23: Mavis van Bibber

27: Rachel Schoonover



**SUNDAYS, 4pm, SANCTUARY**

Pray how you feel led ~ out loud or quietly. Printed prayers will be available. Come spend time with God!

**BLESSING BOX MOST NEEDED**

**Bottled water**



The flowers in the Altar area are given by Thomas, Cathy, & Hannah Schoonover to the Glory of God in honor of Rachel's 20th Birthday.



The Christ United Methodist **Women's Group** is an intergenerational group open to all women. The group was formed to help each other grow in our spiritual faith and walk with Christ.

The Women's Group meets on the **fourth Tuesday of each month at 6pm** in the Serenity room of the Administration Building.

We are currently working through The Ten Women of the Bible: One by One They Changed the World by Max Lucado. It is never too late to join us!

POC: Jennifer Davidson

**LEADERSHIP BOARD ~ TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST**

**5PM, Admin Bldg Conference Room**

**All are welcome to attend!**

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## Between the Sundays:

These questions and activities are designed to help your family talk, play, and pray together during the week. They help reinforce faith learning at home. Use them at the dinner table, in the car, at bedtime — anytime your family is together.

They are simple, short, and open-ended, so children can respond in their own ways.

These conversations help grow faith in everyday moments and remind families that following Jesus happens all week long — not just on Sundays.

**Theme:** Jesus shows us the path. **Adverb:** Faithfully

### Conversation Starters:

- What was one way you tried to follow Jesus today?
- Where did you see kindness today? Where could you add kindness tomorrow?
- What helps you stay on the "path" that Jesus shows us?
- If following Jesus is like walking a path, what does your path look like today?

### Family Activities:

#### 1. Follow-the-Path Walk

Make a simple tape path on the floor at home or draw one with sidewalk chalk outside. Take turns following it slowly and talk about: "Jesus is with me every step. I can follow him faithfully."

#### 2. Tree-Growing Game

Stand like a tree and wiggle your "roots" (feet) into the ground.

Then stretch your branches high.

Ask: "What helps your 'roots' grow strong in Jesus?"

#### 3. Faithfulness Jar

Place a jar on the table. Any time someone in the family follows Jesus in a small way — kindness, helping, sharing — drop in a pom-pom or coin. At the end of the week, celebrate all the ways your family lived faithfully!

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APRIL 12 ATTENDANCE:

53 in-person / 6 on-line / 329 FB views

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## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

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| > Isaiah 51:1-6   | > Psalm 34:1-10 |
| > 1 Peter 1:17-23 | > Luke 24:13-35 |
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