

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MAY 10, 2026  
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Christ UMC: Faith Moving ~ God's Love Transforming ~  
Difference Making

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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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE	<i>Trumpet Jubilation</i>	HARRIS
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
WELCOME		
OPENING PRAYER		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
CALL TO WORSHIP		
<b>Leader:</b> Family of God, on our journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!		
<b>People:</b> <b>Because God is with us, we can love boldly.</b>		
<b>Leader:</b> God is with us, and God joins us with one another as the Body of Christ.		
<b>People:</b> <b>Because God draws us together, we can serve joyfully.</b>		
<b>Leader:</b> Through God, we work for the flourishing of self, neighbor, and all creation.		
<b>People:</b> <b>Because God holds us together, we can lead courageously.</b>		
<b>Leader:</b> Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!		
<b>All: We come to worship God by boldly loving, joyfully serving, and courageously leading, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.</b>		
<i>Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026.</i>		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
VIDEO		
* HYMN OF PRAISE ~ UMH # 92 (vs 1, 4, 5, 6) <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>		DIX
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ UMH #881		Lay Reader & Congregation
* GLORIA PATRI ~ UMH # 70		MEINEKE
MORNING & LORD'S PRAYER		Lay Reader & Congregation
* HYMN OF PREPARATION ~ UMH # 118 (all vs) <i>The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young</i>		AZMON
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Arr. WYRTZEN
* DOXOLOGY ~ UMH # 95		OLD 100TH
SPECIAL MUSIC <i>I Have Seen Jesus in You</i>	Chancel Choir / NOLAN	
SCRIPTURE	1 Peter 3:13-14 / Ephesians 6:10-18 / Joshua 1:5-9	
The Word of God for the People of God. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>		
SERMON	"Lead Courageously"	The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ UMH # 577 (all vs) <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>		CWM RHONDDA
* BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Allegro Maestoso</i>	HANDEL
* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.		

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*IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS*

Mavis van Bibber  
Maria Register (Denise Vermeulen's sister)

*SERVING TODAY*

**Acolytes:** Akira Obi & Tyler Davidson  
**Children's Church:** Robin Wilcher  
**Counter:** Les Arent  
**Lay Reader:** Cathy Schoonover  
**Live Stream:** Sandy Dempster  
**Media & Sound:** Mike Crocker  
**Ushers:** Joe Galipo\* & Thomas Schoonover  
\* help with offering



13: Wayne Davidson, Martha Lorenz



15: Sharyn & Rob Humphry ~ 27 years  
19: Harry & Shirley Hall ~ 54 years



SUNDAYS, 4pm  
SANCTUARY



The flowers in the Altar area are given by Wayne Davidson to the Glory of God in Memory of Elaine Davidson and in Honor of Jennifer Davidson & Linda Hughes.

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

- > Ezekiel 34:1-7
- > Psalm 115:1-11, 18b
- > 1 Peter 3:13-22
- > John 14:15-21
- > Joshua 1:5-9
- > Ephesians 6:10-18



**May 17th**

We will have a church-wide luncheon immediately following worship next Sunday. Meat, dessert, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

**BLESSING BOX MOST NEEDED**  
Bottled water

Thank you to all who helped to make the **Blood Drive** a success! Our goal was 21 units and we collected 21 units!! Mark your calendars for the **next drive Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

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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:** *God helps us be brave when we do what is right.* **Adverb:** *Courageously*

### **Conversation Starters:**

- What is something brave you did today?
- Who in our family led courageously this week?
- When is it hard to be brave? What helps you?
- How can we help someone who needs courage?

### **Family Activities:**

#### **1. Courage Quest**

Go on a "Courage Quest" around your home and look for moments where you can be brave:

- Trying something new.
- Going first.
- Helping someone.
- Saying something kind.

#### **2. Courage Pose Challenge**

- Stand tall with a superhero pose.
- Say together: "God is with me — I can lead courageously!"
- Repeat anytime someone in the family needs to be brave.

#### **3. Paper Armor of God**

Cut out simple pieces of paper armor (shield, belt, shoes). Your child can decorate them with colors or stickers. Talk about how God protects and strengthens us when we lead courageously.

### **Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, thank you for being with me. When I feel scared, help me be brave. Help me do what is right and kind. Help me lead courageously, even when it's hard. Thank you for loving me every day. Amen.

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MAY 3 ATTENDANCE: 49 in-person / 14 on-line / 418 FB views

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