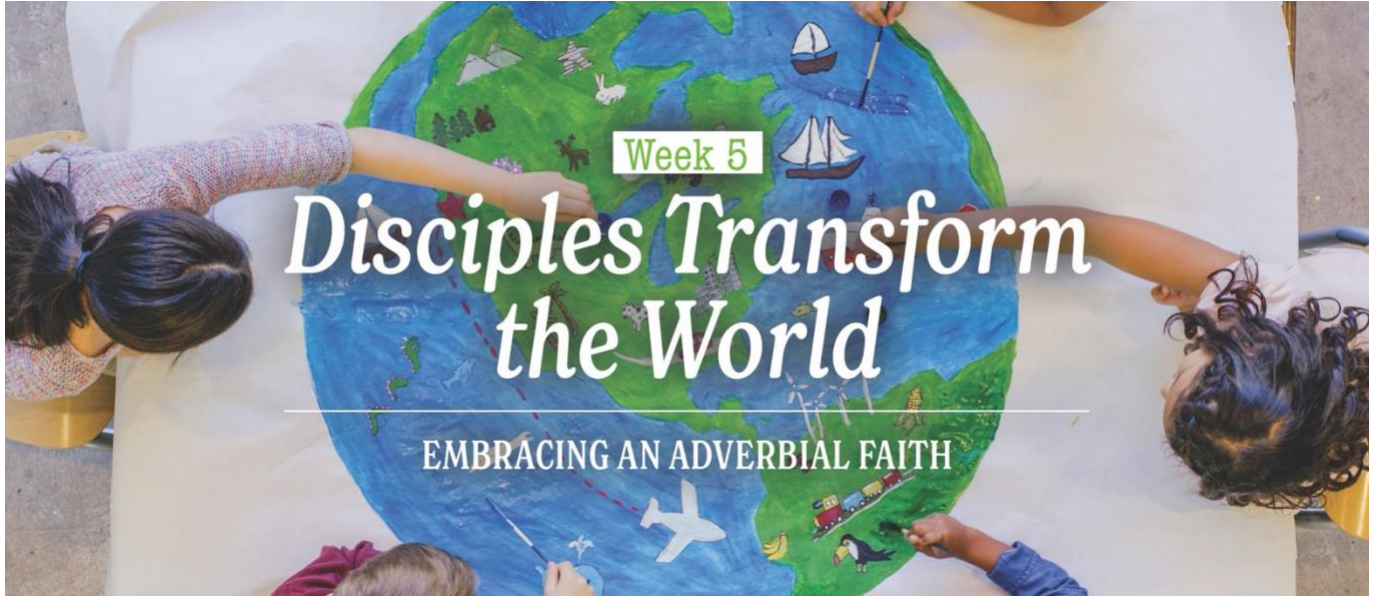




CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MAY 17, 2026 ~ GRADUATION SUNDAY  
PASTOR ~ THE REV. DR. PETER VERMEULEN  
912.663.0734



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>Celebration</i>	MANSFIELD
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
WELCOME		
GRADUATE PROCESSION	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	ELGAR
OPENING PRAYER		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
CALL TO WORSHIP	Lay Reader & Congregation	
<b>Leader:</b> Easter people, in this season of Eastertide, we remember the blessings God gives us—the blessings of Resurrection, salvation, and new life in Christ.		
<b>People: We come to praise God for the blessings of Easter!</b>		
<b>Leader:</b> We recall the blessings of creation—of clean air and water, of food and shelter, of beauty and awe.		
<b>People: We come to praise God for the blessings of creation!</b>		
<b>Leader:</b> We share in the blessings of community—of family and friends, of church and home, of help that is given and received.		
<b>People: We come to praise God for the blessings of community!</b>		
<b>Leader:</b> Easter people, we gather today to remember Christ's Ascension, when Jesus was taken up into heaven while blessing his disciples, marking not the end but the next chapter of God's salvific work among us.		
<b>All: We come to bless God with our praise as God continues to bless us with all that we need to live as God's Resurrection people. Thanks be to God! Amen.</b>		
<i>Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.</i>		
GRADUATE RECOGNITION		Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
GRADUATE VIDEO		
DAN ARCHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION		
* HYMN OF PRAISE ~ UMH # 62 (vs 1, 5, 7) <i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>		LASST UNS ERFREUEN
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ UMH #881		Lay Reader & Congregation
* GLORIA PATRI ~ UMH # 70		MEINEKE
MORNING & LORD'S PRAYER		Lay Reader & Congregation
* HYMN OF PREPARATION ~ UMH # 463 (vs 1, 3, 4, 5) <i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>		GIFT OF LOVE
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>The Prayer / Lead Us, Lord</i>	Arr. FETTKE
* DOXOLOGY ~ UMH # 95		OLD 100TH
SCRIPTURE		Matthew 28:16-20 / Ephesians 1:15-23
The Gospel and Word of Our Lord Jesus Christ. <b>Praise and Thanks be to God!</b>		
SERMON	"Graduation on Miracle Sunday"	The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ UMH # 571 (all vs) <i>Go, Make of All Disciples</i>		LANCASHIRE
* BENEDICTION		
SPECIAL MUSIC <i>The Blessing</i>	Chancel Choir / Arr. HASCHEK	
POSTLUDE	<i>Yorkminster Processional</i>	YOUNG
* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.		

*SERVING TODAY*

**Acolytes:** Akira Obi & Josie Wilcher

**Children's Church:** Margo Whitaker

**Counter:** Mike Crocker

**Lay Reader:** Mike Eorio

**Live Stream:** Joe Galipo

**Media & Sound:** Mike Crocker

**Ushers:** Cathy \* & Thomas Schoonover

\* help with offering



The flowers in the Altar area are given to the **Glory of God in Honor of Harry & Shirley Hall's 54th Anniversary.**



*The bud vase in the Altar area is in honor of Teigen LaRae Jaglowicz born April 13. Teigen weighed 7 lbs 3 oz and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Cody & Teris, big brother Chandler, and grandparents*

*Anthony (PaPa) & Tammy (Duchess) Dunn. Welcome Teigen!*

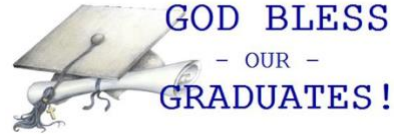


**23:** Alexis Ryzar

**24:** Vicki Davis

**25:** Keri Hughes Davidson

MAY 10 ATTENDANCE:  
54 in-person / 10 on-line / 130 FB views



**Tyler Monroe Davidson**, Houston County High School, Warner Robins. **Graduation Recognitions** ~ Fourth year honors, National Honors Society, 5 AP Classes with Honors, Fine Furniture & Cabinetmaking Pathway, Gifted Program, and Blood Drive. **Tyler** will attend Georgia Institute of Technology to pursue Finance.

**Justin Christopher Yelton**, Cambridge College of Healthcare & Technology, Orlando, FL; **Associates in Radiation Therapy, Radiation Therapist**

Congratulations graduates! Wishing you gratitude for years past, joy in the present, and hope for the future.



**24:** John & Sharon McIntyre  
~ 46 years

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

- > Daniel 7:9-14
- > Psalm 24:7-10
- > Ephesians 1:15-23
- > Luke 24:44-53



**SUNDAYS, 4pm**  
**SANCTUARY**

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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:** *We go boldly to share God's love.* **Adverb:** *Boldly*

### **Conversation Starters:**

- What is one way you could share God's love this week?
- Where do you see God at work in the world?
- How can we go boldly, even when something feels new or hard?
- What gifts has God given you to help others?

### **Family Activities:**

#### **1. World Sticker Map**

- Place a globe or map on a table or wall.
- Family members can place a sticker on a place they want to pray for or where they hope to share God's love.
- Talk about going boldly: "We can share God's love even far away or in new ways!"

#### **2. Bold Adventure Walk**

- Take a family walk around your neighborhood. Notice opportunities to share God's love boldly, smiling at neighbors, picking up trash, or helping a friend.
- Talk about each small action as a way of going boldly with Jesus.

#### **3. Mission Megaphone or Scroll**

- Use a toy megaphone, paper cone, or "mission scroll."
- Have each family member say one way they will go boldly this week to love or help someone.
- Hang the scroll or keep it as a reminder.

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

God, thank you for being with us. Make our hearts brave and help us go boldly into the world as disciples. Amen.

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