

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME Lay Reader
OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?

People: **God teaches us to protect the vulnerable, resist the oppressors, and persist in doing good.**

Leader: In a world where power means might, how does God show us what power means?

People: **God shows us through the midwives' daring, Peter's truth-telling, and Jesus' humility.**

Leader: In a world where power is held over people's heads, how does God exercise power?

People: **God exercises power with—with the oppressed, with the outcasts, with the poor and downtrodden.**

Leader: Beloved, we gather to recognize our world as it is and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ. So, how will you use your power today?

All: **We will side with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all of our neighbors with the exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ. Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE ~ UMH # 546 (vs 1, 2, 5) AURELIA
The Church's One Foundation
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ UMH #881

* GLORIA PATRI ~ UMH # 70	MEINEKE
MORNING & LORD'S PRAYER	Lay Reader & Congregation
*HYMN OF PREPARATION ~ UMH # 368 (all vs)	THE SOLID ROCK
<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	
OFFERTORY PRAYER	Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC	COATES
* DOXOLOGY ~ UMH # 95	OLD 100TH
SPECIAL MUSIC ~ Chancel Choir	COTTRELL
<i>In Christ Alone with "The Solid Rock"</i>	
* SCRIPTURE	Lay Reader
Matthew 16:13-20	
The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise be to God.	
SERMON	Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
"Peter's Profession of faith"	
* HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ Screen/Insert	O WALY WALY
<i>O Jesus, You Were Born to Be</i>	
* BENEDICTION	
Family of God, how good and pleasant it is when we live, when we praise, when we weep, and when we find peace in unity together. May God bless you with the wisdom and grace to recognize and cooperate with the Spirit who binds us together in love, that we may grow in unity of praise now and forever. Amen.	
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* POSTLUDE	LIMBAUGH
<i>Glorious Is Thy Name</i>	
* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.	

Jimmy Cretors; Sydney Walker (Anita Barker Crenshaw's granddaughter)

We express our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Kay Segars. Her funeral will be held Saturday, August 29th here at the Church; 1pm visitation, 2pm service.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: Akira Obi / Josie Wilcher

Children's Church: Robin Wilcher

Counter: Margo Whitaker

Lay Reader: Cathy Schoonover

Live Stream: Sandy Dempster

Media & Sound: Mike Crocker

Ushers: Nikki Massey* / Thomas Schoonover

*help with offering



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BLESSING BOX MOST NEEDED: Packaged Crackers; Individual packs of Tuna; Breakfast bars; Beef sticks

LITTLE ANGELS ATTIC MOST NEEDED: Shampoo; Baby/Kids shampoo; Baby Wipes (including fragrance free); Tampons; Deodorant

LAA serves children ~ newborn through high school ~ so please ensure products are age appropriate.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: When you buy something for your household, buy an extra for the Pantry! or Cereal

DONATIONS may be left in the Narthex or brought to the Church office.

AUGUST 16 ATTENDANCE: 67 in-person / online was down

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 23, 2026

PASTOR ~ THE REV. DR. PETER VERMEULEN

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Welcome,
GUESTS!

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 meets in the **Education Building Room 7**. Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the Narthex.

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

Office Hours: M-Th 9am-4pm, Fri 9-11am

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

> Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

> Psalm 124

> Romans 12:1-8

> Matthew 16:13-20