



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 4, 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 return to their parents following the Children's Moment to participate in the life of the church and receive communion. If you prefer for you child not to receive communion, they may remain in their seat or go forward with their arms crossed over their chest to receive a blessing. 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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SEPTEMBER 27 ATTENDANCE: 57 / 8on-line



Today we celebrate Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. It is a central, sacred, transformative act of worship in The United Methodist Church; a sacred meal where we encounter the presence of Christ and are reminded of God's grace, love, and invitation to the table.

As we gather, we are reminded that Christ welcomes us, feeds us, and sends us out to be His hands and feet in the world.

By approaching the Lord's Table with gratitude and expectation, we open ourselves to the mystery of God's love, allowing it to shape and sustain us.

Whether we come burdened with struggles or filled with joy, Christ meets us in the breaking of the bread.

Adapted from <https://www.icl.stumc.com/post/the-meaning-of-communion-in-the-united-methodist-church>

If you are unable to come forward to receive, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

> Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 > Psalm 19 > Philippians 3:4b-14 > Matthew 21:33-46

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>A Gothic Prelude</i>	YOUNG
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
WELCOME		
OPENING PRAYER		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
CALL TO WORSHIP		Lay Reader & Congregation
Leader: We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.		
People: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.		
Leader: Sometimes we find ourselves wishing for heaven without working to bring heaven to earth.		
People: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to live righteously here and now.		
Leader: Other times, we find ourselves exhausted by working for the gospel, wondering if anything we do is making a difference.		
People: We remind one another to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call, leaning on Christ as the source of our perseverance and hope.		
Leader: Beloved, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.		
All: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God's mercy and justice as we build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.		
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE ~ UMH # 559 (all vs)	<i>Christ Is Made the Firm Foundation</i>	REGENT SQUARE
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ UMH # 8		Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ UMH # 881		Lay Reader & Congregation
* GLORIA PATRI ~ UMH # 70		MEINEKE
MORNING PRAYER	Lay Reader	
* HYMN OF PREPARATION ~ TFWs # 2126 (all vs)	<i>All Who Hunger</i>	HOLY MANNA
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>He Reigns</i>	WEBB
* DOXOLOGY ~ UMH # 95		OLD 100TH
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>One World, One Communion</i>	CHOPLIN
~ Chancel Choir, Elizabeth Chancellor – Flute		
* SCRIPTURE	Matthew 21:33-41	Lay Reader
The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise be to God!		
SERMON	"The Vineyard Owner's Son"	Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen

Beloved, though we may not feel it, the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Beloved, though our hearts are heavy, lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

I want Jesus, to walk with me

I want Jesus to walk with me

All along my pilgrim journey

Oh, I want Jesus to walk with me

Let us pray. God, when the world was. . .you are still there.

In my trial, Lord, walk with me

In my trials, Lord, walk with me

When the shades of life are falling

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

God, in the moment. . .we join together in this broken hallelujah which you will never turn away..

Holy, holy Lord God almighty

Holy, holy Lord God almighty Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Ho—sanna in the highest

Blessed is the One who, comes in your name

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Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Ho—sanna in the highest

Holy God, your desire to be with us. . . and the cost of love which eventually led him to the cross.

Soloist: In my sorrow, Lord walk with me

In my sorrows, Lord walk with me

When my heart is aching

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

And so because of these mighty acts of love we cry and give thanks proclaiming what only through faith we can see...

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again to reign on earth.

Ho—sanna in the highest

Thank you Jesus, who walks with us!

Pour out your Spirit on these broken pieces of bread and this fragile cup. . .And now as children of God let us pray

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION FOR OUR AT HOME FRIENDS

* HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ UMH # 620 (all vs)

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Father, Almighty, Bless Us With Thy Blessing

FLEMMING

* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: Zoey Evans / Zoe Wilcher

Counter: Mike Crocker

Lay Reader: Jim Moore

Livestream: Joe Galipo

Media & Sound: Mike Crocker

Ushers: Bryan List * / Nikki Massey

*help with offering



8: Nancy Graham

13: Jennifer Davidson

Children's Mission



Kidz for Christ's is collecting food items for the Little Angels Attic Thanksgiving giveaway.

Items needed: canned corn; cranberry sauce; canned green beans; canned sweet potatoes; boxed stuffing mix; boxed instant potatoes; boxed macaroni & cheese; gravy packets.

Please place your donations in the container in the Narthex by November 8. Thank you for your help with this project!

Donations have been given to the Church
In Memory of Anna Roberts by
Glenda Apaka
In Memory of Mavis van Bibber by
Pat & Jackie Titus



SETUP ~ Saturday, October 17, 9am

PUMPKIN DELIVERY ~ Friday, October 23, 8am

OPENING DAY ~ Saturday, October 24, 9 AM – 5

PM ~ food trucks, vendors, pumpkins!

POC: Margo Whitaker, (727) 551-1183 /
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Leadership is giving you the opportunity to contribute to a love offering for Pastor Peter and Mrs. Denise. You may place your donation in the offering plate marked 'love offering', on-line through

www.christunited.net/give,

or drop by the office. If you prefer to get a gift card for them that is fine. Plan to be here on **Sunday, October 18** for a celebration **covered dish luncheon** immediately following worship ~ bring your favorite casserole, meatballs, stew, beans, corn, soup, ham, turkey, whatever, as we celebrate the Vermeulen's ministry at Christ United! Dessert and drinks will be provided. A table in the Fellowship Hall will be set aside to put your cards or gifts on.