

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Cathedral Fanfare YOUNG
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME Lay Reader
OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
CALL TO WORSHIP Lay Reader & Congregation

Leader: Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation. *R*

R ~ **People: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!**

Leader: God's always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us. *R*

Leader: God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go. *R*

Leader: May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified. *R*

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE ~ UMH # 715 (all vs) DARWALL'S 148TH
Rejoice, the Lord Is King

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ UMH #881

* GLORIA PATRI ~ UMH # 70 MEINEKE

MORNING & LORD'S PRAYER Lay Reader & Congregation

*HYMN OF PREPARATION ~ TFWS # 2164 (sing twice) SANCTUARY
Sanctuary

OFFERTORY PRAYER Lay Reader

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Rejoice in the Lord Always* KARTSONAKIS

* DOXOLOGY ~ UMH # 95 OLD 100TH

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ Chancel Choir CHOPLIN

Wake Up Church, Wake Up!

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:1-9 Lay Reader

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks Be to God!**

SERMON "Focus on God" The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen

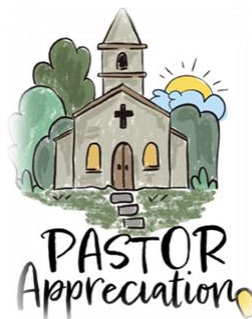
* HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ UMH # 526 (all vs) CONVERSE
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Awake, Awake to Love and Work* MORNING SONG

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

Ginny Bramblett gave a donation to the Church in memory of Anna Roberts.



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 for your cards or gifts.



16: Lessia Razo

18: Beverly Desilets

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: Josie Wilcher / Zoey Evans

Children's Church: Robin Wilcher

Counter: Margo Whitaker

Lay Reader: Tami Galipo

Live Stream: Sandy Dempster

Media & Sound: Mike Crocker

Ushers: Bryan List * / Nikki Massey

*help with offering



SETUP ~ Saturday, October 17, 9am

PUMPKIN DELIVERY ~ Friday, October 23, 8am

OPENING DAY ~ Saturday, October 24, 9

AM – 5 PM ~ food trucks, vendors, pumpkins, bounce house, fun, and fellowship!

POC: Margo Whitaker, (727) 551-1183 / mdwhitaker2014@gmail.com

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!

The Church office will be **CLOSED** tomorrow in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

OCTOBER 4 ATTENDANCE: 56 in-person / 9 online

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 11, 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 32:1-14

> Philippians 4:1-9

> Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

> Matthew 22:1-14