

Welcome to Christ United Methodist Church - A Reconciling Congregation!

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We are a community of faith, who welcomes ALL people. We believe that the love of Jesus was, and is, radically inclusive. We desire for you to find this sanctuary and church to be a safe place, full of love and grace.

Thank you for filling out the enclosed Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate during offering time.

July 16, 2023 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

(*Those who are able, please stand.) **(Bold face type – parts we all speak or sing.)**

GATHERING & CENTERING TIME

OPENING MUSIC "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. D. Janzer

WELCOME Rev. Lisa Petty

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *by Dr. Lisa Handcock, adapted*

God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance across the earth.

We are the soil, created to nurture the seeds of God's life-giving love.

God is the Gardener, tilling and cultivating our soil with love and grace.

We notice the rocks and thorns in our soil and call on the Gardener's love and grace to transform us into good soil.

God is the great Life-giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to produce the fruit of abundant life.

May we nurture and grow God's new reality, bearing the fruit of flourishing and abundance for all God's creation.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us Rejoice and be glad in it!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***SONG** "Hymn of Promise" **UMH #707**

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG "Where Children Belong" **TFWS #2233**

(Children & adults are welcome to come forward. Childcare for children 2 years and under is available in the Nursery.)

MUSIC MINISTRY "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Rodgers/Hammerstein
Logan Bingham

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY PRAYER *by Dr. Derek Webber*

Creator God from whom all blessings grow: as we dedicate our tithes and offerings, we acknowledge that you have blessed us to be the fertile soil from which the good news of your kingdom will spring forth. Move us, we pray, beyond seeing our role as passive or powerless, depending totally on the quality of the seed and the expertise of the planter. Remind us that you are counting on us for fruitfulness, demonstrating for the world your love, grace, and power as we bear fruit that eases the suffering sick, feeds the hungry, brings justice to the oppressed and love and compassion to those who feel disconnected or forgotten. In Christ, we pray. Amen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OPTIONS: QR Code to Give: Use the QR code. Text to Give: Text dollar amount to 801-317-8833 and follow the prompts.



MUSIC MINISTRY "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. V. Pinkevicius

INVITATION TO PRAYER "Spirit of the Living God" **UMH #393**

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

RECEIVING TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON "Seeds in the Dirt" Rev. Lisa Petty
Series: The Path of Discipleship

SENDING TIME

***SENDING SONG** "Cry of My Heart" **TFWS #2165**

WAYS TO ENGAGE THIS WEEK

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING MUSIC "Toccatina Brevis" by D. Gawthrop

Christ UMC - TODAY's Events

8:00 am – Chapel Worship Service, Chapel
9:30 am – Liturgist Training, Sanctuary
9:30 am – Fellowship/Coffee Time, Hallway
10:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am – Liturgist Training, Sanctuary
11:00 am – Fellowship/Coffee Time, Hallway
3:00 pm – Youth Water Day Gathering, Mountain Vista UMC

Christ UMC Events This Week: July 17 – July 23

Monday: 7:00 pm Sloe Jam, Music Room *Newcomers welcome

Wednesday: Wednesday Morning Study Group does NOT meet this week, but will meet in August. (For the remainder of Summer, we will meet on specific Wednesdays. Keep an eye on the Calendar)

Thursday: Last Day for Monetary Contributions to Golden Celery
Connection Monthly Newsletter Deadline

Sunday: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Chapel Service
9:30 am Fellowship/Coffee Time, Hallway
10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship/Coffee Time, Hallway
11:00 am Decorate for VBS, Building – Lunch Provided

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

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| Pastors | Rev. Lisa Petty & Rev. Bruce Kolasch |
| Children's Ministry | Alicia Griffing & Alicia Simons |
| Organist | Shelby Fisher |
| Media | Shannon Meyer & Kelly Carpenter |
| Liturgist | Mike Hampton |



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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023 - 10:00 Worship

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"Creating and promoting a faith that is thoughtful, compassionate and inclusive"