



Winchester UMC

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Sunday, April 12, 2026

*Second Sunday of Easter*

**APOSTLES**

*Love Boldly | Serve Joyfully | Lead Courageously*

**Winchester United Methodist Church**

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# WINCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Lighthouse of Hope: Reaching, Sharing, Teaching,  
Caring: United to Reflect God's Love to All!*

## *Gathering*

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Connection

Centering Words

*After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

*– John 20:20b-22*

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Risen Christ, you come to us even when we are afraid, standing among us with peace and mercy. You breathe new life into your people and call us beyond locked doors and weary hearts. We praise you for your resurrection power, for your presence that restores and renews, and for the calling you place upon our lives. Send your Spirit among us now, that we may be your faithful apostles—sent into the world with your love and truth. Amen.

\* Praise Video                      *"Glorious Day"*                      Passion/Kristian Stanfill

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

**Sending God, you call us to go into the world, yet we confess how often we remain behind closed doors. We cling to fear instead of faith, doubt instead of trust, and comfort instead of calling. Too often we fail to share your peace, withhold your forgiveness, and keep your good news to ourselves. Breathe your Spirit into us once more, forgive us, and make us new. Send us out again as your people—faithful, courageous, and ready to serve. In silence, we confess the ways we have turned aside from your call...**

\*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## *Proclaiming God's Word*

Children's Sermon

\*Hymn "Christ is Alive" (UMH #318)

Scripture John 20:19-31

Sermon "Sent"

## *Responding to God's Word*

Pastoral Prayer and

The 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.**

Minute for Mission / Miracle Sunday Video

Offering

\*Doxology (UMH #95)

\*Prayer of Dedication

## *Sending Forth*

\*Hymn "Thine Be the Glory" (UMH #308)

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if able

## *In Our Prayers*

Terry Aossey, Michael Cody, Jade, Grandma Marta, Jackie Barber, Eric Gregory, Lanise Kirk, Jack Kunz, Braylee Littig, Megan Long Little, Rosemary Peterson, Michael Ryan, Samara White, Friends in Area Nursing Centers, Friends who are Homebound, Those in the Military: Blake Clayton, Chris Dukett, Haley Westermayer, Christian Wells, and All who are Looking for Work.

## *Worship Online*

Our Sunday worship services can be viewed online:

- Website: [winchesterilumc.org/multimedia](http://winchesterilumc.org/multimedia)
- YouTube: [youtube.com/@winchesterillinoisunitedme213](https://youtube.com/@winchesterillinoisunitedme213)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/winchesterumc](https://facebook.com/winchesterumc)

## *Online Giving*



*“If you’d like to make an offering electronically, you’re welcome to use the QR code provided. Regardless of how you choose to participate today, we’re grateful for your presence in worship.”*