



Winchester UMC

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

APOSTLES

Love Boldly | Serve Joyfully | Lead Courageously

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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

...For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
– 2 Timothy 1:7

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Spirit of the Living God, you meet us on the road and call us by name. Open our hearts and our minds this day, that we may see as you see and hear as you call. Transform us by your grace, and empower us by your Spirit to follow where you lead, to serve with courage, and to live as witnesses of your love. Amen.

* Praise Video

“Goodness of God”

Bethel Music

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always see clearly. Like Saul, we cling to our own understanding and resist the new paths you place before us. We bind ourselves with fear, doubt, and pride, instead of living in the freedom of your Spirit.

Forgive us, we pray. Open our eyes, soften our hearts, and lead us into your transforming grace. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to rise, to follow, and to live as your people. 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 "We Are Called"

Scripture Acts 9:1-19a

Sermon "Empowered"

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 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*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, Pam Lower, 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. ***Winchester UMC expresses their prayers of Sympathy to Paul and Wanda & Cody family as Rosemary Peterson went home to be with the Lord.***

Worship Online

Our Sunday worship services can be viewed online:

- Website: winchesterilumc.org/multimedia
- YouTube: youtube.com/@winchesterillinoisunitedme213
- Facebook: 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.”