



Winchester UMC

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Fourth 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

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." — John 13:34-35

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ you have taught us to love—to love our neighbors as ourselves and even to love our enemies. As we gather in your presence, fill our hearts with the peace of Christ. Open our eyes to see others as you see them, and send us out to love boldly, with grace, mercy, and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* Praise Video

"Reckless Love"

Cory Asbury

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

There are times, O God, when our greatest sin is not what we do but what we fail to do. For those times when we have not spoken up; for those times when we have not acted; for those times when we have not responded: forgive us. Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to do what is hard. Give us grace to reach out when that is frightening or uncomfortable. 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 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Scripture

Acts 16:16-34

Sermon

"Love Boldly"

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 512

Stand By Me (Verses 1, 3, 4)

*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, Kale Pollard, Christian Wells, and All who are Looking for Work.

Worship Online

Our Sunday worship services can be viewed online:

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