



Winchester UMC

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Miracle Sunday/Graduate Recognition

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

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete... Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 2:1-2,5

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

God of glory, you have lifted Christ into heaven and opened before us the promise of new life. As we celebrate the Ascension and honor our graduates today, fill us with courage for the journeys ahead. Guide our steps, strengthen our faith, and remind us that wherever we go, Christ goes with us. Send us out with hope, wisdom, and joy, to serve you faithfully in every season of life. Amen.

* Praise Video

"God of This City"

Chris Tomlin

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that we may live as disciples who transform the world. In silence, we confess the ways we have turned aside from your call...

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace of Christ

In Our Prayers

Terry Aosse, Michael Cody, Jade, Grandma Marta, Jackie Barber, Eric Gregory, Lanise Kirk, Jack Kunz, Braylee Littig, Megan Long Little, Pam Lower, Rachel Nations, 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
- 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.”