



Winchester UMC

Sunday, July 26, 2026

9th Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 23

Restoring Our Souls



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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

"You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
— Psalm 23:5b-6

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, we gather with thankful hearts, rejoicing in your goodness and mercy. You have been our faithful Shepherd, leading us, restoring us, and walking beside us each day. As we worship, help us hear the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, that we might follow where he leads. Fill us with hope, gratitude, and joy, that we may live each day in your presence. Amen.

* Praise Video *"Still Waters (Psalm 23)"* Leanna Crawford

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always trusted your goodness or followed your voice. We have wandered from your ways, doubted your care, and failed to show mercy to others. Forgive us, restore us, and lead us back to the path of life. By your grace, make us people who reflect your goodness and mercy each day. 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

“Spirit Song”

(UMH #347)

Scripture

John 10:7-11

Sermon

“Goodness, Mercy, and Abundance”

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.

Offering

*Doxology

(UMH #95)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending Forth

*Hymn

“Hymn of Promise”

(UMH #707)

*Benediction

Postlude

In Our Prayers

Terry Aossey, Michael Cody, Jade, Grandma Marta, Jackie Barber, Eric Gregory, Lanise Kirk, Jack Kunz, 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
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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."