



Winchester UMC

Sunday, July 5, 2026

6th Sunday After Pentecost



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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

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”

2 Corinthians 3:17

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Lord, we thank You for America—its beauty, its freedom, and its people. As we celebrate this nation’s birthday, fill us with unity, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to Your ways. Bless our time together and bless this land. Amen.

* Praise Video “My America” Danny Gokey

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

God of mercy, we thank You for the blessings of our nation, yet we confess that we have not always used our freedom faithfully. We have been quick to claim Your gifts and slow to seek Your ways. Forgive our pride, our divisions, and our neglect of justice and compassion. Renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk humbly, love our neighbors, and serve You as faithful citizens of Your kingdom. Amen.

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Sermon

Mission Moment

Keith & Debbie Schwartzbaugh

Scripture

Psalm 33:12

Sermon

"Happy Birthday America" Rev. Richard Nations

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

"America"

(UMH #697)

*Benediction

Postlude

* Please stand if able

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
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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.”