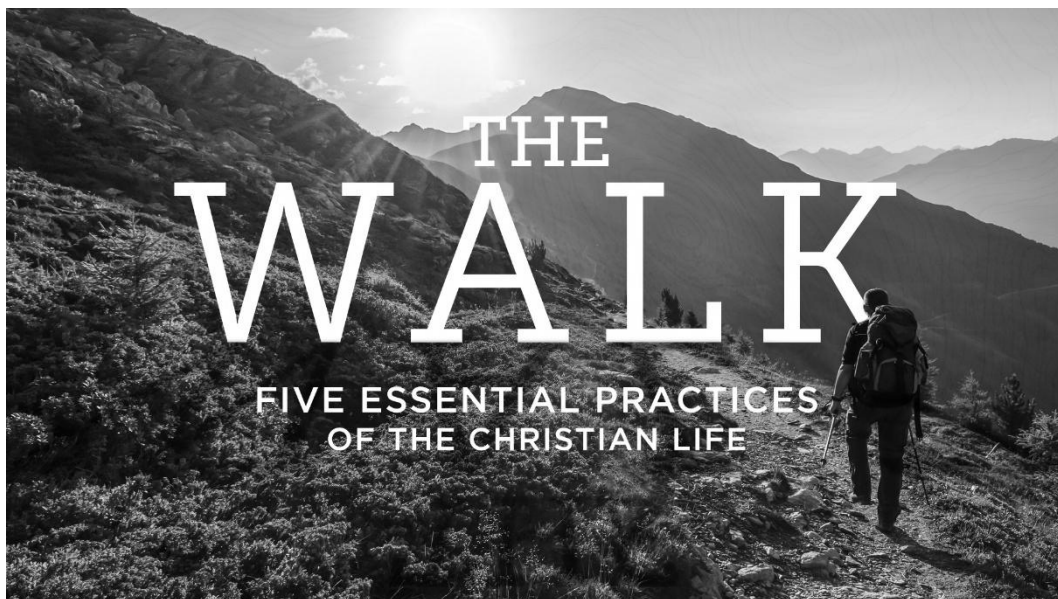




Sunday, August 23, 2026

13th 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

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

— Revelation 4:11

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, you have created us to know you, love you, and walk with you. Open our hearts to your presence and quiet our minds so that we may hear your voice. Teach us to worship you with grateful hearts and to come to you honestly in prayer. May our worship be more than words and songs; may it shape the way we live each day. Help us remember that you are worthy of our praise and that we were created to worship you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

* Praise Video

"Made to Worship"

Chris Tomlin

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

God of creation, we confess that we do not always give you the place you deserve in our lives. We become distracted, busy, and focused on ourselves. We forget to stop and give you thanks, to listen for your voice, or to tell you that we love you. Forgive us when our worship is only words and our prayers become an afterthought. Turn our hearts toward you, renew our desire to worship and pray, and help us walk faithfully with you 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

"He is Exalted"

(On Screen)

Scripture

Psalm 95:1-7

Sermon

"A Living Hallelujah"

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

"O For a Thousand Tongues"

(UMH #57)

*Benediction

Postlude

* Please stand if able

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. **Winchester UMC wants to send prayers and sympathy to Rick and Lauri Crews and family in the passing of her father.**

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."