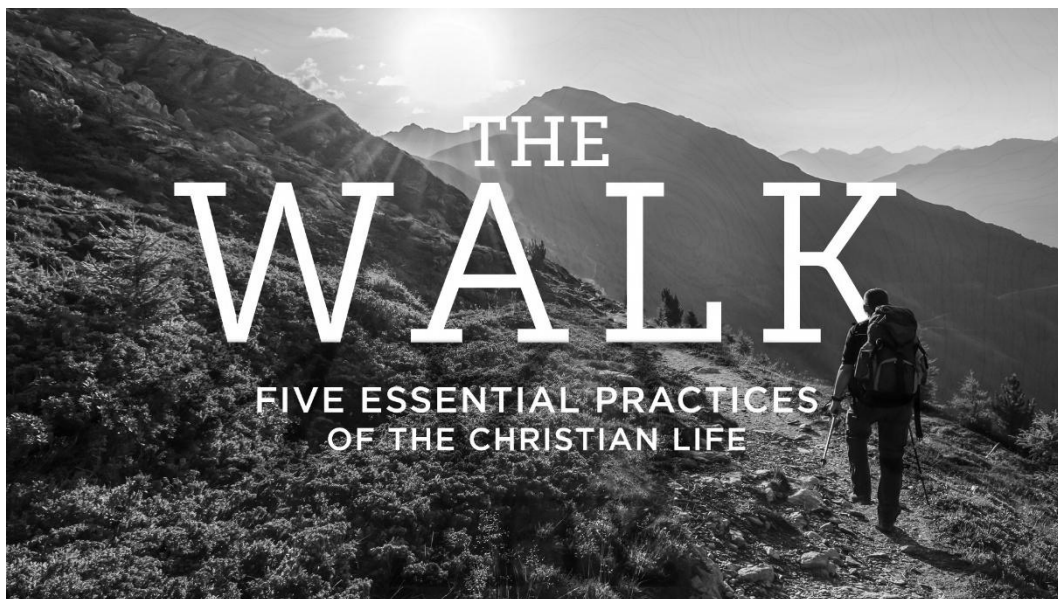




Sunday, August 30, 2026

14th 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

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." — Psalm 119:105

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, you have given us your Word to guide us, teach us, encourage us, and draw us closer to you. Open our hearts and minds as we listen today. Give us a hunger for Scripture and a desire to hear your voice through its pages. Help us not only to read your Word, but to live it—to carry it with us, talk about it, and allow it to shape the way we love you and love others. Amen.

* Praise Video

"Build My Life"

Pat Barrett

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, forgive us for the times we have neglected your Word or treated it as something to read without allowing it to change us. We confess that we are often distracted, too busy, or too comfortable to listen for your voice. Forgive us when we read Scripture without putting it into practice. Give us renewed desire to know your Word, courage to live it, and humility to learn from one another as we seek to follow you. 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

"Thy Word"

(UMH #601)

Scripture

2 Timothy 3:14-17 & Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Sermon

"Meeting with God"

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

"Wonderful Words of Life"

(UMH #600)

*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. **Winchester UMC wants to send prayers and sympathy to the family of Norma Hillary, as she has passed on to her heavenly home.**

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."