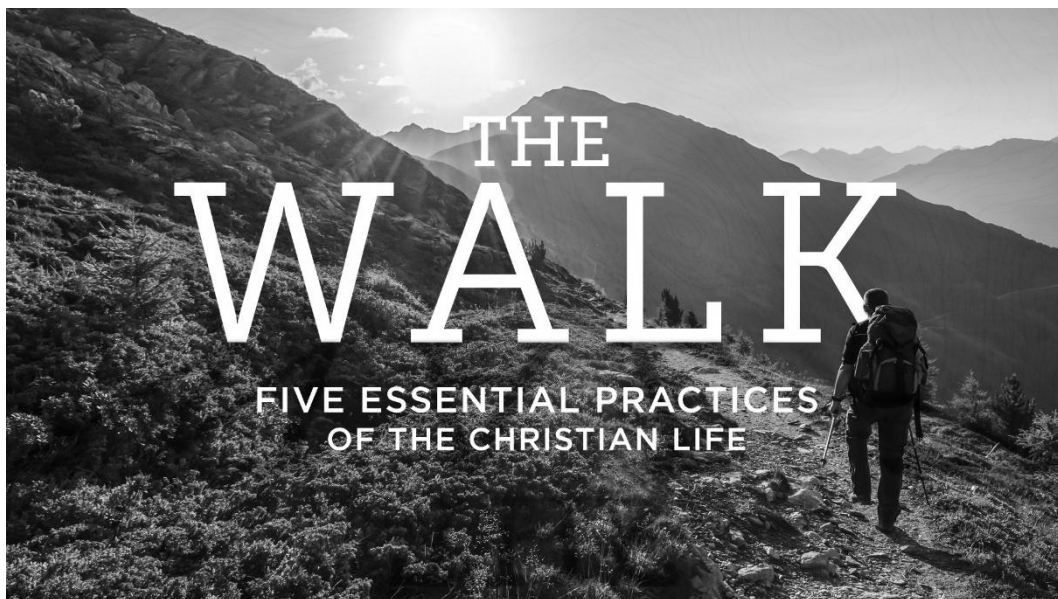




Sunday, September 20, 2026

17th 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

"In everything I have shown you that, by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus' words: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
– Acts 20:35

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, teach us to walk more closely with Jesus. Free our hearts from the grip of possessions and help us see all that we have as gifts from you. Shape our hearts through generosity, that our treasure may reflect your purposes. May our giving become an expression of love, faith, and trust, leading us toward the deep joy found in living generously. Amen.

* Praise Video *"It Really is Amazing Grace"* Crowder and Phil Wickham

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, we confess that we often hold tightly to what we have. We worry that there will not be enough, and we sometimes measure our lives by what we possess. Forgive us for allowing our treasure to capture our hearts. Teach us to trust you, to give freely, and to discover the joy that comes when our lives are shaped by generosity. 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

"Together We Serve"

(Screen)

Scripture

Matthew 6:19-21 & Luke 6:38

Sermon

"Where Your Treasure is"

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

"Take My Life"

(UMH #399)

*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
- 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."