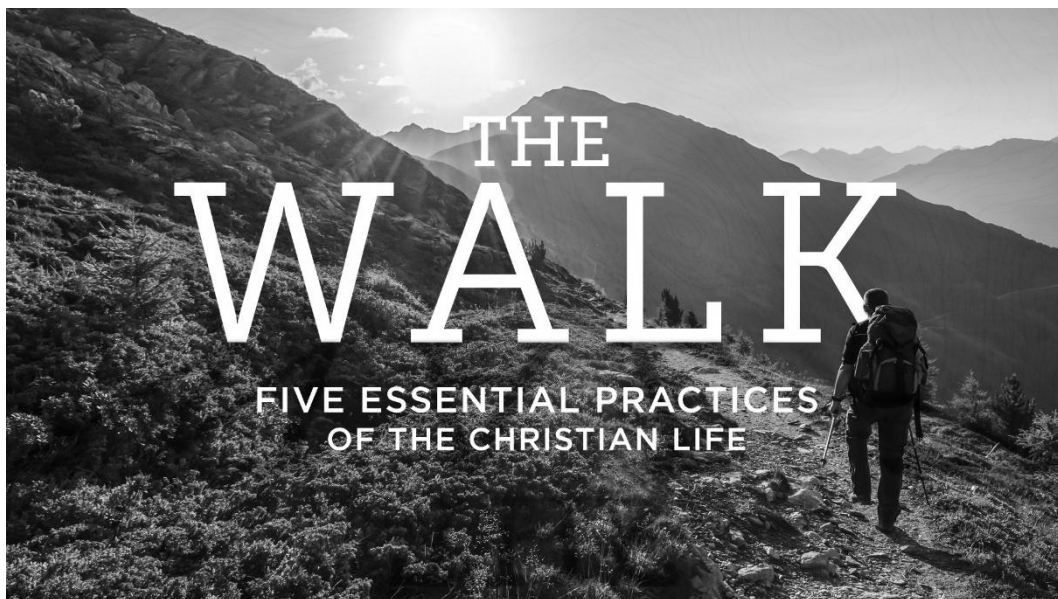




Sunday, September 27, 2026

18th 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

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Loving God, we give thanks that you meet us right in the middle of our ordinary routines. Just as you walked along the Sea of Galilee and called Simon, Andrew, James, and John from their nets, you call us by name right where we work, live, and struggle. We pray that today as we worship and hear you calling to us, we would have the courage to follow wherever you lead. Amen.

* Praise Video

"Until the Whole World Hears"

Casting Crowns

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

God of living hope, you meet us on the shoreline of ordinary days with hands full and hearts divided. You call us by name, not when we are ready, but when we are in the midst of doing other things. We confess that when you call us to be "fishers of people," we feel fear and doubt instead of hope and excitement. We pray for courage to follow your call and go wherever you lead. Give us the words to share our hope and faith with others. 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 & Presentation of Bibles

*Hymn

"Shine Jesus Shine"

(Screen)

Scripture

Matthew 4:18-22 & 1 Peter 3:13-16

Sermon

"Going Viral"

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

"I Love to Tell the Story"

(UMH #156)

*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."