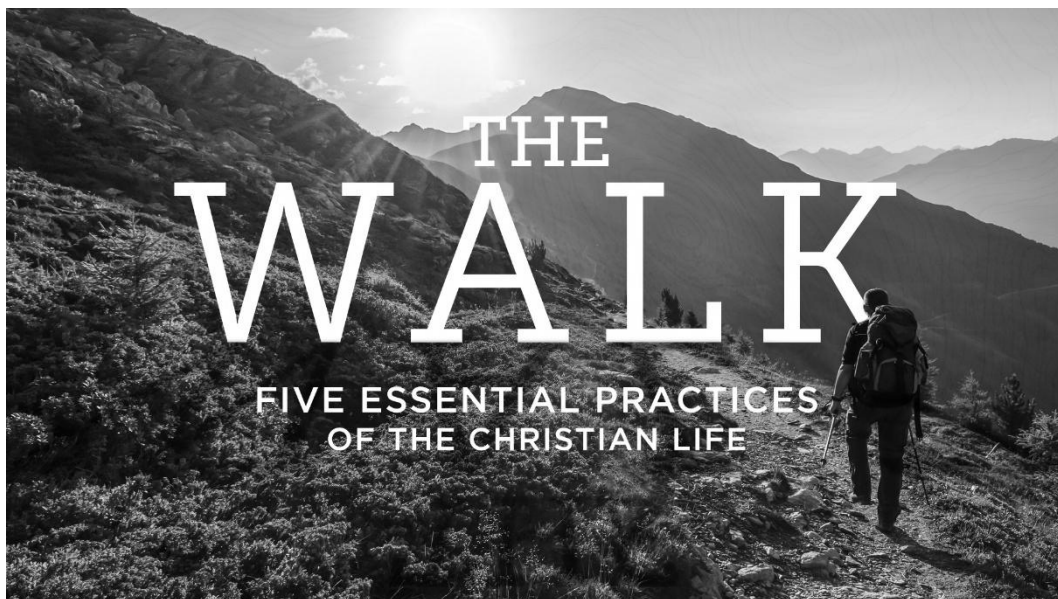




Sunday, September 6, 2026

15th 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

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship."
— Romans 12:1

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, you have called us not simply to believe, but to serve. You have created each of us for good works and invited us to follow the example of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. Shape our hearts and renew our minds, so that our lives may reflect your love. Teach us to seek greatness not in recognition or power, but in humble service to you and to others. Amen.

* Praise Video

"I Will Follow"

Chris Tomlin

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, we confess that we often measure greatness by power, success, recognition, and what we can accomplish for ourselves. We frequently choose our own way instead of choosing to serve you. Forgive us when pride keeps us from noticing the needs around us, and when busyness becomes an excuse for indifference. Renew our minds and transform our hearts, so that we may offer our lives to you and faithfully serve others in Christ's name. 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

“Make Me a Servant”

(Screen)

Scripture

Matthew 20:26-28 & Ephesians 2:10

Sermon

“To Be Great”

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**

Sacrament of Communion

Sending Forth

*Hymn

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

(UMH #581)

*Benediction

Postlude Video

“Do Something”

Matthew West

* 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.

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."