



Sunday, October 11, 2026

20th 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 / Christmas Shoe Box Presentation

Centering Words

"For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."
— Isaiah 2:3b-4

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Where we see division, help us see the possibility of reconciliation. Where we see violence, help us imagine your peace. Where fear controls our hearts, remind us of your promise that your people will one day live without fear. Give us a new vision of your kingdom, where swords become tools of peace, neighbors dwell together, and all people can rest securely beneath your care. Amen.

* Praise Video

"No Longer Slaves"

Bethel Music

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Merciful God, we confess that we have too often accepted the world as it is rather than working to be the world you are calling us to become. We have allowed fear, anger, division, and suspicion to shape our vision. We have sometimes sought our own security while ignoring the fears and struggles of others. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes again to your vision of peace and justice, and teach us to live as people who need not be afraid. 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 *"Be Thou My Vision"* (UMH #451)

Scripture Micah 3:5-6, 4:1-7

Sermon *"A New Vision"*

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 *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"* (UMH #431)

*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.

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."