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21st 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

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong."
– 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, you bring hope from unexpected places and new life from what the world overlooks. Open our hearts to your promise of a Savior born in humble Bethlehem. When the world feels broken, remind us that your love is still at work. Help us trust your promises, follow your peace, and become people who carry your hope into a world gone bad. Amen.

* Praise Video

"Trust in You"

Lauren Daigle

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Loving God, we confess that we often look for hope in the wrong places. We trust in power, success, and what the world considers important, while overlooking the small and forgotten. Forgive us when we lose sight of your presence and doubt your promises. Open our eyes to the unexpected ways you are at work, and prepare our hearts to receive your peace and share your hope. 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 *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* (UMH #462)

Scripture Micah 5:2-9

Sermon *"The Remnant"*

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 *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* (UMH #381)

*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

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