Winchester UMC

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Twenty-Fourth 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

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." – Psalm 100

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Gracious and loving God, we come before you with grateful hearts, giving thanks for the many blessings you pour into our lives. Open our eyes to recognize your goodness, even in the ordinary moments of each day. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Fill our hearts with the peace of Christ, and let our words and actions reflect our gratitude. May everything we do be an expression of thanksgiving to you. Amen.

* Praise Video *"God I'm Just Grateful" (Acoustic Version)* Elevation Worship & Chandler Moore

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, you have given us so many reasons to be thankful, yet we often take your blessings for granted. We allow our worries, frustrations, and disappointments to overshadow your goodness. We are quick to complain and slow to give thanks. We sometimes forget to show the compassion, kindness, patience, and love that Christ calls us to share. Forgive us, renew our hearts, and teach us to live with gratitude each day. 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 *"Now Thank We All Our God"* *(UMH #102)*

Scripture Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon *"A Letter of Thanks"*

Responding to God's Word

Thank You to Veterans

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 *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* (UMH #89)

*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, 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."