



Christ United Methodist Church

October 18, 2026

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Kate Blair (8:00, 10:00 DR)

Welcome, Gather, Grow, and Go

Rev. Jane Bradford (8:00)
Dawn Russell (10:00 DR)
Chris Roegner (10:00 YR)

Breakthrough Prayer

†Opening Hymn #158 *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

†Call to Worship

We hunger and thirst for spiritual transformation.

Let us be guided in our worship to that end.

May we go forth in the Spirit of adventure.

For the Spirit quenches our thirst and leads us.

†The Peace

Stewardship Video

Diane Kirkland

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jane Bradford

Anthem *"I Love You, Lord"* (TFWS #2068)
"I Stretch My Hands to You"

(8:00, 10:00 YR)
Sanctuary Choir (10:00 DR)

†Scripture Joshua 14:10-12

Renee Johnson (8:00)
Linda Bjur (10:00 DR)
Andrew Gummow (10:00 YR)

Sermon *"Transforming My Experience"*

Rev. Caleb Hong

The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Receiving of Pledge Cards

Offering and †Doxology #95

†Closing Hymn #364 *"Because He Lives"*

†Benediction

†Postlude

New visitors are invited to see an usher after the service. We have a gift for you!

2027 Pledge Cards

We will receive pledge cards during worship today and next Sunday, October 25. As you prayerfully consider your contributions for 2027, Christ UMC thanks you for your generosity, which makes ministry possible. If you didn't receive a pledge card by mail, please stop by the church office or Welcome Center.

Blood Pressure Checks

Our parish nurses will offer blood pressure checks in the library following both worship services today.

Join us Today at the CROP Hunger Walk

Today at 1:00 PM (Registration at 12:00 PM)

Help fight hunger at the Rockford CROP Walk at Riverfront Museum Park (711 N. Main St.)! Give online or register to walk: www.tinyurl.com/CROPWalkCUMC2026. Donations will be collected between services.

Winter Coat and Snowpants Collection

Thank you for your donations of winter coats and snowpants for preschool and elementary school students in the our community! Donations may be brought to church **today** to the cart by door #6.

Stop by the Youth Bake Sale After Worship

Support our youth group as they raise funds for Fall Retreat! After worship services today, stop by the youth bake sale near door #6 for delicious homemade treats and help make fall retreat possible.

Trunks and Candy Still Needed for Trunk-or-Treat!

Wednesday, October 28 from 5:30-7:00 pm

We're looking for volunteers to decorate their trunk and pass out candy at this year's Trunk-or-Treat! We currently have 14 trunks registered and need at least 20 to make this event as successful as possible for our congregation and neighbors. If you can help, contact Katherine at kwoodard@christumc.cc. Candy donations are also appreciated and will be accepted at door #6 until the day of the event.

Family Meeting

Next Sunday, October 25 at 11:20 AM

Join us in the Dining Room for our next Family Meeting, a monthly conversation where our church family can gather to discuss joys, concerns, and ideas. This month, we'll learn about and celebrate the work of the Christ UMC History Team. Everyone is welcome!

Thanksgiving Basket Project

You are invited to help make this year's Thanksgiving Basket project a success for 175 families in our community! Temple Beth-El has graciously agreed to allow us to use their space to prepare baskets. Volunteers are needed to assemble and/or distribute boxes on **11/20, 11/21, and 11/23**. For details, see the weekly eNews. To volunteer, contact Linda Bjur (815.742.5343/cherise79@comcast.net). Each basket will provide a full traditional Thanksgiving dinner and enough food to sustain a family for a week. To support this project financially, please make checks out to CUMC (memo: "Thanksgiving Baskets") or give with Tithe.ly. Each basket is approximately \$125, but any amount is appreciated.

Our October Mission Coin Offering Goes to UMCOR (Where Most Needed)

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) provides humanitarian relief and disaster response in the United States and internationally. These undesignated funds allow UMCOR to allocate funds to disasters as they arise. Give at a service, online with Tithe.ly, or with a check to CUMC (memo: "coins").