



Christ United Methodist Church

May 31, 2026

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Jonathan Hayag (8:00)
Abe Hall (10:00 DR)

Welcome, Gather, Grow, and Go

Pastor

Breakthrough Prayer

†Opening Hymn UMH #170 *“O, How I Love Jesus”*

†Call to Worship

We gather here to open and enter the gate.
For you are the great gatekeeper, inviting us in.
We walk through the gate with open hearts.
Lead us, O Lord, into thy kingdom.

†The Peace The peace of the Lord be with you.
And with all who gather here.

Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Jane Bradford

Anthem TFWS #2215 *“Cares Chorus” (2x)*

†Scripture John 10:1-10

Alan Persinger (8:00)
Jack Crandall (10:00 DR)
Jeff Holmertz (10:00 YR)

Sermon *“I Am the Gate”*

Rev. Caleb Hong

Holy Communion

Offering and †Doxology #95

†Closing Song *“Way Maker”*

†Benediction

†Postlude

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



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**“Opposite of Jericho” Prayer Walk
every Sunday at 11:30 AM (door #2)**

Today is United Voices for Children Sunday

UVC is a coalition of the NIC congregations, agencies, and individuals that speaks and acts on behalf of children, youth, and families in need. Funds are divided between Kids Above All, MYSI, and Rosecrance. Envelope provided.

Registration is Open for Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 17 - Sunday, June 21

Kids (ages 4 years - 5th grade) are invited to join us for an epic journey to discover God's kingdom at this summer's Vacation Bible School! Online registration (free) is now open at www.christumc.cc.

Volunteers are still needed! Interested in volunteering at VBS? Contact Grace Lee at gracelee@christumc.cc.

Seminarian and Summer Intern Daniel Persinger Hosts End-of-Life Workshops

Drawing from his 11 years of chaplain experience in hospitals and with first responders, Daniel will discuss:

June 7: Advance Directives- Learn about advance directives and review Power of Attorney for Health paperwork.

July 5: Grief and Loss- Explore the grieving process and healthy ways to manage grief and loss.

Walk with Local UMCs in Rockford Parades

Pride Parade: Saturday, June 6 (11:30 AM lineup, 12 PM parade) - Downtown intersection of E. State and Charles St.

4th of July Parade: Saturday, July 4 (4:30 PM lineup, 5 PM parade) - Downtown 7th St.

Look for a “UMCs of Rockford” sign at both parades. Candy donations are appreciated. Sign up at www.christumc.cc.

“Fill the Truck” Northern Illinois Conference Mission Challenge

At Annual Conference (June 14-16), churches are invited to bring items for Midwest Missions, an organization that sends resources to communities recovering from disasters around the world. CUMC is collecting items and monetary donations through June 7. Monetary donations can be made through Tithe.ly. Checks can be made to "CUMC" with “NIC Mission Challenge” noted. List of specifications for Home Care items are on handout (Welcome Counter).

“The Way of Discernment” Workshop

Wednesdays, June 17 - August 26 from 6-8 pm

Rev. Steve Bullmer will lead a 10-week workshop that covers the biblical, theological, and practical framework for the ancient practice of spiritual discernment. Space is limited to 12 participants. **Interested? Orientation is this Wednesday, June 10 (6-8 PM).** Contact the church office (815.399.5910) with questions and to register.

Diversity Team June Book Study

Wednesday, June 10

The Diversity Team is hosting book studies in June and July. June's novel, *This is How it Always Is* by Laurie Frankel, is a novel about a family whose son insists on being a girl. Join the in-person discussion in the **Conference Room from 1:30-3:00 pm** or the online discussion from **6:30-8:00 pm via Zoom** (contact the office at 815.399.5910 for the link).

Quilt Boutique Open House

Thursday, June 18 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The quilters of CUMC have been busy all winter and are ready to share the results at their first Quilt Boutique Open House in the Trinity Building. Come shop from a wide selection of quilted items, handmade goods such as cards, pottery and jewelry, a variety of quilting and craft supplies, and more! Proceeds support missions for women and children.

Youth: Register for Workcamp 2026

Wednesday, July 22 - Sunday, July 26

Youth (incoming 6th grade - outgoing 12th grade) are invited to participate in service projects around the Rockford community at this summer's workcamp! Online registration (free) is open at www.christumc.cc.

Stained Glass Stones and Pendants

After the fire, pieces of stained glass were sent to Starved Rock Hot Glass in Ottawa to create stones and pendants. CUMC now has a limited quantity available free to members available at the office. We ask everyone who takes a pendant to consider a donation (suggested \$20) to the artist (cash preferred or checks to Starved Rock Hot Glass).