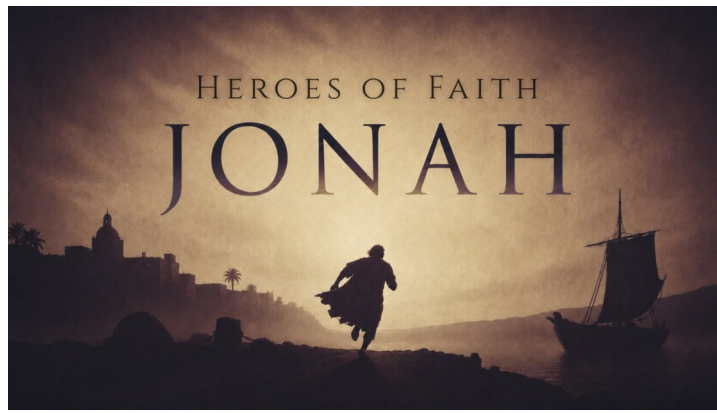




Christ United Methodist Church

September 6, 2026

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Kate Blair (8:00)
Risë' Barker (10:00 DR)

Welcome, Gather, Grow, and Go

Pam Laughlin (10:00 DR)
Kelley Roach (10:00 YR)

Breakthrough Prayer

†Opening Hymn #64 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

†Call to Worship

We admit that Jonah and the whale perplexes us.

We gather in faith to discern the meanings of his story.

Let us examine times we have fled from the Lord's calling.

May we flee disobedience through repentance and mercy.

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

Disciple Bible Study Testimonies

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jane Bradford

Anthem

"Take My Life and Let it Be" (UMH #399)

Barry Smith (8:00)

†Scripture Jonah 1:1-3

Daniel Persinger (8:00)
Jack Crandall (10:00 DR)
Charmaine Schreiner (10:00 YR)

Sermon *"Heroes of Faith: Jonah"*

Rev. Caleb Hong

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offering and †Doxology #95

†Closing Song *"10,000 Reasons"*

†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)***

Rally Day is Almost Here!

Next Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 am

Bring a new friend and join us for a combined outdoor service (*no 8:00 service*) in the courtyard on Rally Sunday! Stay after worship for a potluck, kid's activities, and the ministry fair. Sign up today to bring a potluck dish.

Today is the Last Day to Reserve a Spot at the Rally Day Ministry Fair

Are you leading a ministry that you'd like to promote at the Rally Day Ministry Fair? This is an opportunity to recruit volunteers or invite new participants to join. To participate, a representative from your ministry must be present at your spot (11:00 - 1:00) with a tri-fold board/display. Displays can be set up on Friday, 9/11 (10:00 - 2:00) or Saturday, 9/12 (11:00 - 1:00). **Contact Trish (815.399.5910 / talleman@christumc.cc) as soon as possible to reserve a spot. Ministry Fair spots must be reserved NO LATER than TODAY, September 6!**

Sign up Today for the Fall Small Group Study

"The Me I Want to Be" by John Ortberg reveals how you can become the unique, fully alive person God intended you to be. There are 7 class days, times, and locations to choose from. The study follows the 5-week Sermon Series based on the same study. Classes begin the week of September 20. Registration is available after worship, on our website, or by calling the office. **Questions?** Contact Pastor Jane Bradford (jbradford@christumc.cc)

Registration is Now Open for Disciple I, II, and III Bible Studies

Over the course of 24 weeks, Disciple I covers the entire Bible from Creation to Revelation. Disciple II goes deeper into Genesis & Exodus and Luke & Acts. Disciple III will study the Old Testament Prophets and the letters of Paul. Classes begin the week of September 20. Register with class leaders today in the conference room, on our website, or by calling the office. **Questions?** Contact Pastor Jane Bradford (jbradford@christumc.cc).

Children and Youth: Kick Off the Season at Edward's Apple Orchard

Saturday, September 12 from 9:00-11:00 am

Children, youth, and families: Kick off the season with apple picking at Edward's Orchard (7091 Centerville Rd., Poplar Grove)! Please RSVP to Katherine Woodard (kwoodard@christumc.cc) **by Wednesday, September 9.**

Childcare Volunteers Needed for Temple Beth-El

Saturday, September 12 and Monday, September 21 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Temple Beth-El is looking for two adult volunteers (18+) to offer childcare for their High Holy Day services. If you are available to help, please contact Pastor Jane (jbradford@christumc.cc) for more information.

Rally Day Flu Shot Clinic

Sunday, September 13 from 12:00-2:00 pm

In partnership with Walgreens, Christ UMC will host a walk-in vaccine clinic on Rally Sunday in the conference room (door #6). No appointment necessary. Regular and high-dose (65+) flu vaccines and COVID shots will be available. Vaccines will be no cost, but bring your insurance card if you have one.

Youth: Register Now for Confirmation Classes

Confirmation is a 32-week journey starting **Sunday, September 27** open to students (8th grade+) who want to explore the Christian faith, grow their relationship with God, and affirm their faith personally. If you are interested in joining confirmation class, please contact Pastor TK (tklee@christumc.cc) **by Wednesday, September 23.**