

September 28, 2025
Celebration Service 8:50

Prelude

Gathering Song

Sunshine Gospel Singers: I'm Standing on the Solid Rock

Welcome

Congregational Hymns

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us (United Methodist Hymnal #381 v 1, 3)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (United Methodist Hymnal #138 vs 1, 3, 6)

Victory in Jesus (United Methodist Hymnal #370 vs 1, 2)

Joys & Opportunities

Prayer of Gratitude

Offertory

Celebration Choir: *Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep*

Doxology 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Call to Prayer

Gentle Shepherd

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Prayer Response by Youth Bells

Jesu Jesu Fill Us With Your Love

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may embrace our calling to be your disciples out into our communities. Amen.

Scripture

Scripture: John 21:15-17, 19b-22 (CEB)

When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs. Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.” He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.” Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them. This was the one who had leaned against Jesus at the meal and asked him, “Lord, who is going to betray you?” When Peter saw this disciple, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain until I come, what difference does that make to you? You must follow me.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon

Practice Our Faith Like...John

Invitation to Christ and the Church

Invitational Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (United Methodist Hymnal #384, v. 1, 3)

Receiving of New Members

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you at Christ United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction

(The Light of Christ Taken into the World)

Benediction Response

Loving God Loving Each Other

Postlude