

September 8, 2024
Christ Alive Service

Welcome

Celebration Ringers
Abiding Joy

Christ Alive
Living Water

Acolyte Dedication

Congregation: We pledge ourselves to support you in your ministry to this church, and we are grateful for your service and dedication as Acolytes and leader, and as part of our worship team.

Congregational Prayer: Dear Lord, we thank you for these your children who are taking a large step in their walk with you by dedicating themselves to serving you and your church as Acolytes and part of our worship team. Help us as a congregation and body of Christ to work together to put you first in our lives, and to dedicate ourselves each day to your work. Amen.

Joys

Prayers of the People/ Prayer

Christ Alive
Ghost

Children's Time

Scripture James 2:1-4, 8-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy, mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God!

Message *Doers of the Word*

Invitation to Christ and the Church

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As for Me

Receiving of New Members

(Congregational Response)

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.

Christ Alive *As for Me*

Go in Peace