

August 27, 2023, Celebration Service (8:50 AM)

Prelude

Gathering Music: Sunshine Gospel Singers: *King Jesus Medley*

Welcome

†Congregational Hymns

*My Hope is Built*

*We Are the Church*

*Standing on the Promises*

Thanksgiving

Doxology 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebration Choir

Call to Prayer *Into My Heart*

Silent Prayer Over Names

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 *Through It All*

†Prayer of Illumination

**Loving God, by your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to know your scripture as holy ground in our lives. In our Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this

rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Invitation to Christ and the Church

Invitational Hymn *Forward Through the Ages*

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.**

Benediction (The Light of Christ Taken into the World)

Benediction Response *Standing on the Promises*

Postlude