

November 12, 2023, Celebration Service (8:50 AM)

Prelude

Gathering Music: Sunshine Gospel Singers *Serve the Lord & Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Welcome

Stewardship Presentation: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

†Congregational Hymns

*I Love Thy Kingdom Lord* (United Methodist Hymnal #540 Verses 1 & 2)

*O Church of God United* (United Methodist Hymnal #547 Verses 1 & 3)

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* (United Methodist Hymnal #569 Verses 1 & 3)

Veterans Presentation

Joys

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offertory: Celebration Choir

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.**

Call to Prayer: *Seek Ye First*

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: *Seek Ye First*

†Prayer of Illumination

**Holy One, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.**

Scripture Matthew 7:24-27

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell – and great was its fall!”

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *This New House*

Invitation to Christ and the Church

Invitational Hymn

*This Is My Father's World* (United Methodist Hymnal #144 Verses 1 & 3)

Receiving of New Members (Scott- Scott/Brown Ear Mic & David- David/Orange Ear Mic)  
(Congregational Response- Onscreen)

**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

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* (United Methodist Hymnal #569 Refrain)

Postlude