

September 14, 2025, Celebration Service (8:50 AM)

Prelude

Gathering Song: Sunshine Gospel  
*Wade in the Water*

Welcome

Congregational Hymns

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* (United Methodist Hymnal #521 v 1, 3)

*Stand By Me* (United Methodist Hymnal #512 vs 1, 3)

*Just a Closer Walk* (TFWS 2158 vs 1, 2)

Joys & Opportunities

Prayer of Gratitude

Offertory Celebration Choir *I Saw the Light*

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!**

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

Celebration Ringers: *I Love to Tell the Story*

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

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSV)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon *Gospel Discipleship: Matthew*

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation

Invitation to Christ and the Church

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

Benediction Response

*The Bible Yes That's the Book for Me*  
The BIBLE, Yes, that's the book for me;  
I stand alone on the Word of God, the BIBLE

The BIBLE, I'll take it along with me  
I'll read and pray and then obey, the BIBLE

Postlude