

# CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ For the Transformation of the World



## Today's Scripture Lesson

**John 15:1-8 (NRSV)**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.



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## Welcome

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Good morning and welcome to Christ United Methodist Church!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us today. As we gather for worship, we join our hearts in prayer, lift our voices in song, tune our ears to hear God's word, and share in our tithes and offerings. Everyone is invited to share in all parts of worship, including the sacrament of Holy Communion. We give thanks that you are part of our community of faith.

Let us celebrate as we worship together!

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### Order of Worship

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**August 26, 2018**

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Don Ferguson

Passing the Peace

Prelude Mike Beckley

\* "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" UMH 139

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Don Ferguson

*Screen: Church members in need of your prayers*

The Lord's Prayer Unison

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.

\* "Living for Jesus" FWS 2149

Credo Kids Rev. Don Ferguson

*Children will exit with the Shepherds after the Pastor's lesson*

Offertory Prayer Susan Kiefer (8:45)  
Marty Tallent (11:00 )

Offertory Nancy Hodges

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology UMH 95

Special Music: "Oceans" Audrey Brown, Savannah Johnson

Scripture John 15:1-8 (NRSV)

The Message: "Branching on Out" Rev. Megan Boatwright

A Moment of Reflection

\* "It Is Well" UMH 377

Benediction

Postlude Mike Beckley

*Please remain in the pews until the light of Christ has left the Sanctuary*

*\*Congregation Standing*

**Go in Peace**

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**To Love and Serve**

**The Lord**