



What Were They Thinking?
Psalm 19 : 14

Prelude	<i>Trust In God</i> <i>Just A Closer Walk with Thee</i> <i>Love Lifted Me</i>
Welcome	Martin Smith
Songs	<i>Jesus Only Jesus</i> <i>His Name Is Wonderful</i> #79 vs. 1 <i>Goodness of God</i>
Prayer & Message	Pastor Gary Salm
Communion	
Announcements	
Closing Song	<i>Are You Washed</i>
Postlude	

Invitation to Communion

Our celebration of communion is open to all believers. Communion Stewards will pass the elements to you.

If you are looking for a new church family, please fill out the blue card, located in the back of the pews. After the service, please give the blue card to the Welcome Rep in the foyer and receive a complimentary gift bag that includes additional information.

Please give Prayer Requests (yellow slips located in the pew) to Pastor Gary. The prayer list is updated monthly with each newsletter. Please let the church office know if prayers have been answered.

Please remember to sign the attendance sheet inside the black pew pad and pass it down the pew.

At Christian Union Church we recognize that giving to God in tithes and offerings is an act of worship. A private act of worship according to Jesus. We have a box in the foyer to collect those offerings, and we also receive them in the mail. God loves a cheerful giver. We pray: Gracious God, as we come before you this morning, we give you thanks for all the many ways that you have blessed us. As we present this offering, it is only a portion of all that we have received from our God. We dedicate these gifts to your purpose and ask your blessing upon them.

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Announcement Highlights

Change to Tuesday night Bible studies – through June 2nd, on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm, Joe Richard will teach the combined men's and women's Bible study classes together in the Family Room for a special series on Jesus' parables. Anyone may join us for this special series.

May 19 – Luke 10:25-37, The Good Samaritan

May 26 – Matthew 13:3-23, The Sower

June 2 – Matthew 25:14-30, The Talents

Paulette Thompson Celebration of Life – will be at Jonah's in East Peoria on Saturday, May 23rd from 1pm to 4pm. Please RSVP to Lee Martin at 309-264-5123 if you plan to attend.

William Smith Graduation Party - The Smith family invites you to a high school graduation party for William Smith on Sunday, May 24th from 1:00-2:30 in the church living room area. Please join us!

Membership Sunday – is being planned for May 31, 2026. If you are interested in joining Christian Union Church or would like to be baptized, please contact the church office or Pastor Gary.

Church Spring Cleaning - Once again we will be Spring Cleaning the church. If you would like to join us, please let Deb Houch know. We will plan to start on Monday, June 1st and work daily that week from 9-12 unless we finish sooner!

Spring Mission Project — gifts received thru June will go to support Pathway Ministries. Please write "Spring Project" on the memo area of your check or on your giving envelope.

Food Pantry Sunday!

5th Sundays are Food Pantry Sundays and May 31st is a 5th Sunday. We invite you to bring food donations to the worship service, drop off food donations during the week, or make a designated donation to Open Arms Food Pantry. The missions committee will deliver all donations to the food pantry. *Thank you!*



Highlights of This Week at Christian Union Church

For the complete list of events, please see UPCOMING EVENTS on the website.

Sunday, 05/17	9:30 am	Coffee and donuts - Front Foyer
	10:00 am	Worship Service and KidZone
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Prayer Group – Living Room
Tuesday, 05/19	6:30 pm	Bible Study – Family Room
Wednesday, 05/20	6:30 pm	JH & HS Elevate – Smith House
Thursday, 05/21	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee meeting
Saturday, 05/23	9:00 am	Music/Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary