



**christianunionchurch**

Sunday, September 20, 2026  
Welcome Representative: Julie Fandel  
Usher: Dick Owens

In a World Afraid of Jesus  
Mark 5:1-20

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| <b>Prelude</b>              | <i>O How I Love Jesus</i><br><i>Sovereign</i><br><i>The Same Love</i>            |
| <b>Welcome</b>              | Jarrold Doty                                                                     |
| <b>Songs</b>                | <i>Power of Your Love</i><br><i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i><br><i>King of Kings</i> |
| <b>Prayer &amp; Message</b> | Gary Salm                                                                        |
| <b>Communion</b>            |                                                                                  |
| <b>Announcements</b>        |                                                                                  |
| <b>Closing Song</b>         | <i>All the People Said Amen</i>                                                  |
| <b>Postlude</b>             |                                                                                  |

**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. We have boxes in the foyer to collect those offerings, and we also receive them in the mail. We dedicate these gifts to God's purpose and ask His blessing upon them.

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### Announcement Highlights

**Summer Mission Project** — Gifts received thru September will go to support RHMA – Rural Home Missionary Association – based in Morton IL. Please write “Summer Project” on the memo area of your check or on your giving envelope.

**9/20 Baby Shower** – Just a reminder that a baby shower to celebrate Pastor Gary and Lori’s future granddaughter is today from 1:00-3:00 in Fellowship Hall. Contact Julie Fandel with any questions.

**9/27 KidZone Shopping Trip** – Next Sunday, the KidZone kids and leaders will be walking to IGA to purchase food for donation to the food pantry. If you have questions, please contact Margie Hahn or Lori Salm. If you would like to donate to this project, please write “KidZone Shopping Trip” on your check (or use a pew envelope for cash) and drop it in the offering box.

**9/27 Evening Worship at Camp Wildwood** – Please join us September 27 for fellowship, frisbee golf, and a campfire (s’mores provided) at 5:30 followed by outdoor worship at 6:30 pm. Please bring your own chair if you have a portable one available.

**10/08 Monthly Dining Out** – Join us on Thursday, October 8, at 6 pm at Avanti’s in East Peoria. The sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn or Merrill Johnson.

**10/13 First Responders Dinner** – We are once again going to host the First Responders dinner on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office if you would be willing to provide a salad or dessert for this event. Please contact Deb Houch with any questions. Thank you!

**CHRISTIAN  
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**2026  
DIRECTORY**

### It’s time to have a new photo taken for the upcoming 2026 directory.

The meeting room (between living room and KidZone) will be set up as our photo studio and will be open for you to drop by these Sundays:

**9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11 and 10/18**

Photos will be taken from 9:30 a.m. to the beginning of worship and from the end of worship until 11:30 a.m. A last chance for retakes is planned for 11/01.

### Highlights of This Week at Christian Union Church

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

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| Sunday, 09/20    | 9:30 am  | Coffee and donuts - Front Foyer          |
|                  | 10:00 am | Worship Service and KidZone              |
|                  | 5:00 pm  | Sunday Night Prayer Group                |
| Tuesday, 09/22   | 6:30 pm  | Men’s Bible Study - Chapel               |
|                  | 6:30 pm  | Women’s Bible Study – Family Room        |
| Wednesday, 09/23 | 6:30 pm  | Elevate – Fellowship Hall, SH & JH rooms |
| Saturday, 9/26   | 9:00 am  | Music/Band Rehearsal -- Sanctuary        |