

Christ UMC Worship
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OPENING MUSIC

Johnathan Vest

WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WORDS OF GATHERING

Leader: God's firm foundation stands, bearing this inscription:
"God knows all who belong to God." (2 Timothy 2:19)

**People: We stand on the firm foundation of God's love for us,
God's beloved children.**

OPENING SONG "How Firm a Foundation" (vs 1, 2, 4, 5) 529 (Red hymnal)

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed;
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."**

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PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel"
Celebration Singers and Worship Band
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PRAYER FOR 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 hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40: 25-31 Bobby Thomas

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Blessing of the Backpacks Aimee Cox

Today we gather to bless the students and teachers before us. These students have enjoyed a fun summer with friends and family and are now ready to head back into the classroom prepared to learn. These teachers have rested and are renewed. They have prepared classrooms and learning spaces and are ready to welcome students with open arms. We now pray for this new beginning, the prayer which is in our bulletin...

Holy God, we pray for our schools, our students, and our teachers. We pray that our schools will be safe places where our children can grow, discover, and be enriched without fear or worry. We pray that our students will have a fun-filled year with great friendships and lots of learning. We pray for our teachers that they will know we support them and their call to education.

God, bless these backpacks and school bags and the people who will carry them. We send them forth for a new beginning with you by their side. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11: 29-12:2 Ella Thomas

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

RESPONSE "He’s Always Been Faithful" Johnathan Vest

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(Parents of small children are asked to bring them back to their seats at this time.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Mark Price

THE 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.**

CLOSING SONG

"Guide My Feet"

Spiritual

**Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

Hold my hand..., Stand by me..., Search my heart...

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DISMISSAL

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BLESSING SONG

"The Lord Bless and Keep You"

Strathdee

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**The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make
his face to shine on you, and be gracious,
gracious. The Lord bless and keep you, the
Lord lift his countenance on you and give
peace, give you peace.
Shalom, shalom.**

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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Al Partee and Family following the death of his mother, Margaret Partee
Bryce Evans
Christina Hayes
Family and friends of Florine McNeil in her recent death
George Searcy
Mary Flynn
Shannon Granitsas
Steve Dallrymple

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

ALL MILITARY DEPLOYED
David Baugh
AmySue Benker
The Family and friends of Kurt Bogen following his death
Janice Boyko and Family following the death of Harry Boyko
Caregivers and healthcare workers
Kendra Cates
Residents of the Center for Living and Learning
Kevin Comstock
Tami & Mike D'Angelo
Doug Davis
Sally Dean, Iris and Henry Holt
Sue Draper
Lucious DuBose
Eastern Kentucky flood victims
Friends and Family of Scott Gale following his death
Carolyn Getty
Claudia Goddard
Ouida Greer
Alan Hall
Scott Heard
Gail Horner
Lillie Howard
Rosemary Jarvis
John Kitson
Betty Latture

Susan Forrest Levy, cousin of Cathy Chieng
Sue Mueller
Chuck Neighbors
Sally Nimmo
Shawn Parker, brother in law of Trish Kaberle
Jarvis Pierce
Judson Randolph, long-time friend of Dave Hook
Katie Rhodes and family following the death of her grandfather, Glenn Nimmo, and grandmother, Joan Kuhlman
Becky Robertson
Amy Saffell
Barbara Smith, sister-in-law of Nancy Brown
Melissa Staley
Kevin Stefano
Ernie Thompson
Phyllis Townsend
Sulaiman Tunkara and our friends in Sierra Leone
Ukraine
John Wigant
Terri Wildman
Karen Yarbrough
Lisa York and family following the passing of her grandmother, Rosalie McCuston