

Christ UMC Worship
2.5.2023

OPENING MUSIC

Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aimee Cox

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

**OPENING SONG "Bring Forth the Kingdom" 2190 (black hymnal)
Congregation and Worship Band

Leader: You are salt for the earth, O people:

People: Salt for the Kingdom of God!

Leader: Share the flavor of life, O people:

Leader: Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

**ALL: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

Leader: You are a light on the hill, O people:

People: Light for the City of God!

Leader: Shine so holy and bright, O people:

People: Shine for the Kingdom of God! (Refrain)

Leader: You are a seed of the Word, O people:

People: Bring forth the Kingdom of God!

Leader: Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,

People: Shine for the Kingdom of God! (Refrain)

**ALL: We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! (Refrain)**

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OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"Take My Life"
Worship Band

Havergal

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BAPTISM

McKenna Catherine Kemp

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3rd GRADERS

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 61

Henry Thomas

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Anne Hook

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-20

Violet Carnes

SERMON

Aimee Cox

RESPONSE

Johnathan Vest

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

INVITATION

CONFESSION

8 (red hymnal)

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
 Forgive us, we pray.
 Free us for joyful obedience,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2257 (Black hymnal)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
 always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
 almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth,
 from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
 and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,
 hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
 highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
 in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come

when you would save your people.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna in
the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty *God*, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the
highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "Light of the World"
Congregation and Worship Band

Pino

**You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine shine shine where you are
You are the light of the world**

**You are the city on a hill
You are the city on a hill
So shine shine shine where you are
You are the city on a hill**

**You are a candle in the dark
You are a candle in the dark
So shine shine shine where you are
You are a candle in the dark**

**You are a star in the night
You are a star in the night
So shine shine shine where you are
You are a star in the night**

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

11 (Red hymnal)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Aimee Cox

BLESSING SONG

"The Lord Bless and Keep You"

Strathdee

**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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CLOSING MUSIC

Johnathan Vest

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Flora Benker
Kendall Thornton
Erin Schmitz

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Joseph Bican
Robb Castelee
Floyd Crain
Caregivers and healthcare workers
Kendra Cates
Jason Clark
Greg Clingman
Jonathan, Carter, Mary Carter, and Retired Rev. Jim Coleman
Doug Davis
Edith Ann Gibb
Brent Greene
Alan Hall
Scott Heard
Mary Anne Hooper
Sue Mueller
Chuck Neighbors
Shirley Nimmo
Family of Wyatt Operacz following his death on January 11th
Ann Page
Judson Randolph, long-time friend of Dave Hook
Corrine Reese
Amy Saffell
Barbara Smith, sister-in-law of Nancy Brown
Kevin Stefano
Ukraine
John Wigant

Upcoming Events at Christ UMC!

- **"Soup-er" Bowl Sunday** is February 12th. ***Now accepting pre-orders!***
Review the list of available soups and sign up in the Narthex.
- **Christ UMC Blood Drive** is February 12th. Sign up now at:
www.redcross.org/give and enter code: ChristUMC20
- **Calling all 6th Graders!** It's almost Confirmation time! Parents, please contact Aimee to sign up (aimee@christumcfranklin.org).
- **Join us!** Orbit Youth Dinner Theater February 25th. Additional details and registration info can be found online at: <https://forms.gle/XbGdwvRXsJAB8azC6>
- **Christ UMC Book Club**, Sunday, February 19th at 4pm at Cool Springs Panera.
We will be discussing The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich. *All are welcome!*
- **Save the Date!** Saturday morning, March 25th, is the Sweet Potato Drop in association with the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA). Please read the bulletin insert for more information. ***Sign up in the Narthex!***