

Christ UMC Worship
9.17.2023

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 127 (red hymnal)
Congregation and Worship Band

**1 Guide me, O my great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

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OPENING PRAYER

from Psalm 36

**Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

*CLOSING SONG "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" 2234 (black hymnal)
Congregation and Worship Band

**1 Lead on, O cloud of Presence,
the exodus has come,
in wilderness and desert,
our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us,
new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise
where milk and honey flow.**

**2 Lead on, O fiery Pillar,
we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing
though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering,
for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people.
The journey is our home.**

**3 Lead on, O God of freedom,
and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise
through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters
may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy,
and love is law's demand.**

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SENDING FORTH

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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.**

CLOSING MUSIC

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***We encourage you to take your printed worship order with you or
to place them in the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.***

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Chris Warner
Jessica Mitchell
Micah and Brittany Davis
Ted Henderson

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Flora Benker
Judy Bowles
Elizabeth Brock
Ken Burnette
Beverly Campbell
Friends and Family of Hank Cantrell
Rev. Mary Cartwright
Kendra Cates
Hugh Charlton
Harry Coleman
Family of Antoine Crisp
Doug Davis
Brent Greene
Alan Hall
Legal Undertakings
Mary Anne Hooper
Hudson Johnston
Family of Peggy Joslin following her death
Kent McNish
Gary Minor
Sue Mueller
Chuck Neighbors
Heather O'Dell
Friends and Family of Tracey Parton
Marne Price
Judson Randolph
Family and Friends of Melissa and Neal Rikal in the loss of their daughter
Inmates and Administration of Riverbend
Charles Rutledge
Amy Saffell
Parole
Family of Charles Tallent
Sterling Thomas and Family following the death of his mother, Margaret Jordan
Bruce Thompson
Ukraine
Jose and Jersey Urmeneta
Family of Walls
Carol Webb
John Wigant



We're less than 2 weeks away from Holy Smoke!

Be sure to sign up online or in the Narthex.

Other Upcoming Events at Christ UMC (Additional info in newsletter)

- **Christ UMC Book Club** - Sunday, September 17th at 4pm at Cool Springs Panera. This month's book is *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley.
- **Ladies Night Out! Tuesday, September 19th** at 5:30pm at Chuy's in Cool Springs. RSVP by the 18th to Elizabeth Bussey
- **Companions in Christ**, a 10-week book study, begins Tuesday, September 19th at 1pm in the Library. Contact Velma Bradley
- **Our Habitat for Humanity Build is Saturday, September 23rd. Sign up in Narthex!**
- **Prayerful Hands Knitting Group Meeting** -Sunday, September 24th after worship in the Library
- **All Church Retreat! November 3-5** Beersheba Springs Assembly. **Registration is open! [Link in newsletter. Register by October 20th](#)**
- **Letters from Home** - Contact Elizabeth Oliphant to sign up your college student or to become a pen pal to one of our church's college kids!
- **Rhythm of Life Women's Bible Study Group** Thursdays 10am - Room 125. Contact Aimee Cox