

Christ UMC Worship
1.22.2023

OPENING MUSIC

Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**People: We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

2236 (black hymnal)

**Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song**

**Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining
 Not in some heaven light years away
 But here in this place the new light is shining
 Now is the kingdom, now is the day
 Gather us in and hold us forever
 Gather us in and make us your own
 Gather us in, all peoples together
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bones**

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*OPENING PRAYER

**You've gathered us here this day, Holy God,
 to be called by name and sent by you
 to be your people in the world.
 May we ready to hear and to follow. Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE

*"Softly and Tenderly"
 Celebration Singers*

arr. Sisemore

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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

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Meredith King

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nella McCall

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:12-23

Emmylou Cox

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

RESPONSE

*"Why At My Door is Standing"
 Worship Band*

Scott

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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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" 2129 (black hymnal)

**I have decided to follow Jesus;
 I have decided to follow Jesus;
 I have decided to follow Jesus;
 no turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me;
 the world behind me, the cross before me,
 the world behind me, the cross before me;
 no turning back, no turning back.**

**Though none go with me, I still will follow;
 though none go with me, I still will follow;
 though none go with me, I still will follow;
 no turning back, no turning back.**

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DISMISSAL

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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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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Ann Page

Joseph Bican

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Floyd Cain

Caregivers and healthcare workers

Kendra Cates

Jason Clark

Greg Clingman

Jonathan, Carter, Mary Carter, and Retired Rev, Jim Coleman

Sara Cothran

Doug Davis

Edith Ann Gibb

Brent Greene

Alan Hall

Scott Heard

The Family and Friends of Ambria McGregor following her death on December 28

Sue Mueller

Chuck Neighbors

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