

Christ UMC Worship
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OPENING MUSIC

Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"
Congregation and worship band

152 (Red hymnal)

1. I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

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*OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"I Am the Resurrection"
Celebration Singers and Worship Band

Goeller

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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 Ezekiel 37: 1, 4-14 Chuck Hendrix

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Mark Price

SCRIPTURE John 11:1-45 Lucy Loiler
Marnie Cotton
Kevin Stefano

SERMON Rev. Mark Price

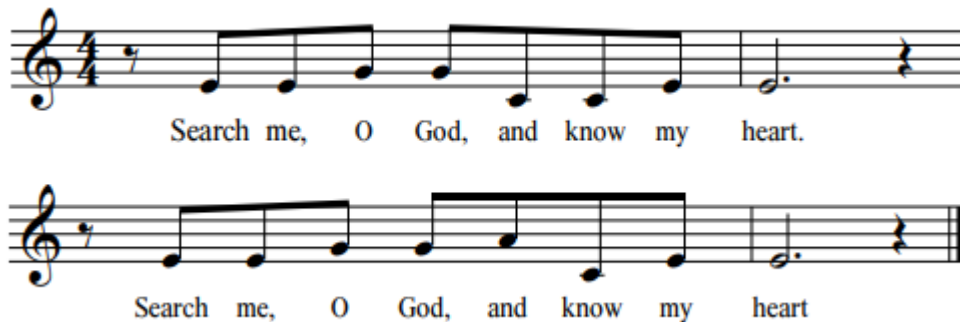
RESPONSE "Rise Up (Lazarus)" Cain and others
Worship Band

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Anne Hook

Sung Response:



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Gracious and merciful God,
we often misunderstand the message you have for us.
You speak of resurrection and life, and we hear life after this life
instead of life in the here and now.
When we focus on resurrection as an event in the past

or one that will happen sometime in the future,

Forgive us, O God, and lead us into resurrection living.

When our beliefs are more tied to what happens when we die rather than what we do while we live:

Forgive us, O God, and lead us into resurrection living.

When we ignore the grief and pain of those around us even as we comfort ourselves in the belief of our own salvation:

Forgive us, O God, and lead us into resurrection living.

All may offer silent prayers of confession

Merciful God,

open our eyes to the signs of resurrection all around us.

Open our ears to the voices of those crying out for hope.

Use our hands and feet to relieve the suffering of those who grieve

and to meet the needs of those who lack daily sustenance.

Strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season

that our daily living reflects trust in your eternal victory,

even over death itself.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen R

Hear this good news from the apostle Paul:

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;

so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again,

so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. (Romans 14:7-8)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

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

“When We are Living”
Congregation and Worship Band

356 (red hymnal)

1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

3 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

4 Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God,
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

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DISMISSAL

Rev. Mark Price

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

Johnathan Vest

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Fran Clippard and Family
Jordan Puryear
Rev. Mary Wilder Cartwright
Scott Marsiglio
Shirley Cates

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Flora Benker
Floyd Crain
Caregivers and healthcare workers
Robb Castelee
Kendra Cates
Hugh Charlton
Greg Clingman
Melody Connley
Shelly Cook and Family following the death of her mother, Eve
Doug Davis
Nancy and Dave Edmunds
Brent Greene
Alan Hall
The Heep Family
Reese Hudy
Robin Kennedy
Jane Kirk
Caroline Lantz
Gary Minor
Sue Mueller
Jerry Nail
Chuck Neighbors
Judson Randolph, long-time friend of Dave Hook
Jo Bentley Reece and Family following the death of her husband Rev. Wayne G. Reece
Pauline Rogers
Amy Saffell
Ann Salyers following the death of her father
Ann Saucier
Steve Smith and Family following the death of his sister, Faye Page
Temple Stevenson and Family following the death of her brother, Steven Crain
Ukraine
Ned Wheeler
John Wigant
Wilkes Family following the death of Christen Wilkes