

Christ UMC Worship
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

**OPENING SONG 100 (red hymnal)

"God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us"
Congregation and Worship Band

**1 God, whose love is reigning o'er us,
source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus
raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.**

**2 Word of God from nature bringing
springtime green and autumn gold;
mountain streams like children singing,
ocean waves like thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.**

**3 Holy God of ancient glory,
choosing man and woman, too;
Abram's faith and Sarah's story
formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.**

**4 Covenant, new again in Jesus,
Starchild born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us
how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

206 (Red hymnal)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Worship Band

**1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain:

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mark Price

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.

On the first day of creation, you said,
"Let there be light," and there was light;
and you called the light good.

From mountaintops to the deepest valleys,
in daylight and in the darkest shadows,
you call us to be your people.

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.
In his face, we have glimpsed your glory. In his life, we see your love.
When he went up the mountain with his disciples,
he stood in the company of Moses and Elijah,
enveloped in the bright cloud of your presence.
When he saw that his friends were afraid,
he touched them with compassion,
freeing them from fear.

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 this gift of water
 call to our remembrance the grace declared at our baptism.
 For you have washed away our sin,
 and you clothe us in righteousness throughout our lives.
 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

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.**

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

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

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

Dr. Johnathan Vest

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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Friends and family of Tony Davidson following his death
Brinley Kimbrough
Charlotte Felner
Christine Shook
Joan Ratcliff
Judy Whitfield
Richard Lewis
Zeldo Calhoun

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Mike Baccash
Carol Barr
Earl Beshears
Flora Benker
Dave Bradley
Don Campbell
Judy Carlisle
Hugh Charlton
Johanna Derda
Julia Diaz
Mary Fredenhagen
Sue Geier
Brent Greene
Alan Hall
Evelyn Hickerson
Katie Higgins and family following the death of her sister-in-law, Mary Kyser
Jackie Johnson
Karen Middlebrooks
Gary Minor
Sue Mueller
Bob Munn
Chuck Neighbors
Kathy Noble and family following the death of her husband Don
Peace in the Middle East
Faye Ramey
Judson Randolph
Amy Saffell
Peace in Sierra Leone
Barbara Thomas
Ukraine
John Wigant
Ryan Wilmore and Family
Terri Wildman