

Christ UMC Worship  
2.25.2024

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

OPENING MUSIC	Dr. Johnathan Vest
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes
MINISTRY MOMENT	Raise the Roof Academy
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES	
* CALL TO WORSHIP	
* OPENING HYMN	400 (Red Hymnal) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" <i>Congregation and Worship Band</i>

**1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy redeeming love!**

**2 Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.**

**3 O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.**

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#### OPENING PRAYER

**God of Sarah and Abraham,  
long ago you embraced your people in covenant  
and promised them your blessing.  
Help us remember that your  
faithfulness is from generation to generation**

ACT OF PRAISE      "For the Beauty of the Earth"      Rutter  
*Choir and Worship Band*

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#### CONFIRMATION

Kenzie Elizabeth Hinkson, Granddaughter of Barbara and Ken Nye

### **GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US**

#### 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                      Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16                      Bill Greer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE                      Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

SCRIPTURE                      Romans 4:13-25                      Lindy Thompson

SERMON                      Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

RESPONSE

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.**

OFFERING                      "Creator of the Stars of Night"                      Neale  
*Worship Band*

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\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

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

\*CLOSING SONG "To Abraham and Sarah" Fetter  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

**1 To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:  
"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.  
You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my  
word that you shall be my people and I will be your God."**

**2 From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,  
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace;  
and in their heart was written by God this saving word,  
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."**

**3 We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid  
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,  
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word,  
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."**

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SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

BLESSING SONG "The Lord Bless and Keep You" Strathee

**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**

#### **Joy**

Congratulations to Haley and Winston Voigt on the arrival of their daughter, Celia Lindsay Voigt.

Proud grandparents are Tim and Melissa Stillings.

#### **New Prayer Concerns**

Jada Hendricks and Family following the death of Almaz

Oliver Loft

Shirley Dean

Woody Wanczak

#### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns**

Carol Barr

Tom Beadles

Flora Benker

Earl Beshears

Dave Bradley

Zeldo Calhoun

Don Campbell

Judy Carlisle

Hugh Charlton

Friends and family of Tony Davidson following his death

Charlotte Felner

Mary Fredenhagen

Sue Geier

Grant Glewwe

Brent Greene

Alan Hall

Katie Higgins and family following the death of  
her sister-in-law, Mary Kyser

Jackie Johnson

Brinley Kimbrough

Richard Lewis

Marines lost in helicopter crash in San Diego

Gary Minor

Friends and family of Shannon Mitchell following the death of  
her sister, Kimberly Morton

Sue Mueller

Bob Munn

Chuck Neighbors

Kathy Noble and family following the death of her husband, Don  
Charles Payne, Grandfather of Vanessa and Rayne Parker

Peace in the Middle East

Judson Randolph

Joan Ratcliff

Patricia Ring and Jim & Peg Boggs

Amy Saffell

Christine Shook

Peace in Sierra Leone

Barbara Thomas

Ukraine

Judy Whitfield

John Wigant

Terri Wildman