

**Christ UMC Worship
4.14.2024**

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 HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"
Congregation and Worship Band

451 (Red hymnal)

**1 Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2 Be thou my Wisdom and thou my true Word;
I ever with me and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**3 Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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OPENING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on,
illuminating the places where you are present.
As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your
appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and
doubt with your word of peace.
You opened their minds to understand why you had to die
to defeat such evil and death.
Increase our understanding, we pray,**

and open our minds and hearts to receive you. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

"And Can It Be"
Celebration Singers

Forrest

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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

1 John 3: 1-17

Bill Heinzman

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Anne Hook

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 36b-48

Caleb Lear

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Paul Bonner

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 "There Was Jesus" Beathard | Smith | Williams
Worship Band

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*DOXOLOGY 94 (Red hymnal)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
 praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
 Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

SILENT REFLECTION

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

*CLOSING SONG 365 (Red hymnal)
 "Grace that is Greater Than All Our Sin," st. 1, 4
Congregation and Worship Band

**1 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
 grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
 Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
 there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.**

Refrain:

**Grace, grace, God's grace,
 grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
 grace, grace, God's grace,
 grace that is greater than all our sin!**

**4 Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
 freely bestowed on all who believe!
 You that are longing to see his face,
 will you this moment his grace receive? *Refrain***

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SENDING FORTH

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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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CLOSING MUSIC

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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Connie Dean and family following the death of her mom
 Nick Wanczak and family following the death of his father, Woody
 Abby Ayers
 Beverly Talbot
 Jana Hall

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Arcuri Family	Room in the Inn
Irene Archambault	Amy Saffell
Carol Barr	Peace in Sierra Leone
Tom Beadles	Paul Tiedemann
Flora Benker	Ukraine
Nancy Boggs	Ralph Walker
Velma Bradley	John Wigant
Dave Bradley	Terri Wildman
Judy Carlisle	Jeff and Kathy Zastrow and family
Hugh Charlton	
Gene Cotton	
Family and friends of Steve Erwin following his death	
Linda Fellers	
Becky Fesler	
Mary Fredenhagen	
Friends and family of Grant Glewwe following his death	
Greg Hagedwood	
Alan Hall	
Donna Heppe	
Jackie Johnson	
Brinley Kimbrough	
Hank McClure	
Nella McCall and family following the death of her sister, Judy Risner	
Glenda McCaleb	
Jessica Mitchell	
Sue Mueller	
Bob Munn	
Chuck Neighbors	
LeeAnn Parker	
Peace in the Middle East	
Judson Randolph	