

Christ UMC Worship
4.7.2024

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Christ Has Risen" 2115 (Black hymnal)
Congregation and Worship Band

**1 Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor.
Christ is risen, God is here!**

**2 Christ has risen for the people
whom he loved and died to save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.**

**3 Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.**

4 Christ has risen and forever

**lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present
making us what he has been –
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.**

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*OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God,
we continue to celebrate with joy
the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.
As your people in this place and time
may we receive the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that we may continue his mission
of sharing your unconditional love and grace. Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE

"Honduras Alleluia"
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 1:1-2:2

David Bradley

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nella McCall

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-23

Dave Hook

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

RESPONSE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Paul Bonner

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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.**

OFFERING

"The Lord's Peace"
Worship Band

Zinter

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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!**

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.
 Before the mountains were brought forth,
 or you had formed the earth,
 from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.
 You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.
 You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
 When we turned away, and our love failed,
 your love remained steadfast.
 You delivered us from captivity,
 made covenant to be our sovereign God,
 and spoke to us through your prophets.
 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 baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with sinners.
 Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
 to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
 to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
 and to announce that the time had come
 when you would save your people.
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and
 death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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.**

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

**Today's Communion Rail benefits our March/April Ministry Focus partner,
Raise the Roof. Thank you for your support!**

Prayer List

Joy

Gavin Partee Christianson, son of Sarah (Partee) and John Christianson, born March 20th. Proud grandparents are Deb and Al Partee.

New Prayer Concerns

Gene Cotton

Jeff & Kathy Zastrow and family

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Anayra

Arcuri Family

Irene Archambault

Carol Barr

Tom Beadles

Flora Benker

Nancy Boggs

Velma Bradley

Dave Bradley

Don Campbell

Judy Carlisle

Centennial High School Community

Hugh Charlton

Rev. John Collett

Lauren Craig

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

Hyden Family

Jackie Johnson

Brinley Kimbrough

Family and Friends of

Brenda Martinez following
the death of her father

Hank McClure

Nella McCall & Family following the
death of her sister, Judy Risner

Glenda McCaleb

Leonard and Nancy McGugin

Jessica Mitchell

Sue Mueller

Bob Munn

Chuck Neighbors

LeeAnn Parker

Peace in the Middle East

Judson Randolph

Katie Ratcliff

Room in the Inn

Amy Saffell

Peace in Sierra Leone

Barbara Spencer

Carol Sullivan

Paul Tiedemann

Ukraine

Ralph Walker

Woody Wanczak

John Wigant

Terri Wildman