

Christ UMC Worship
8.4.2024

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "All Who Hunger" 2126 (Black hymnal)
Congregation and Worship Band

**All who hunger, gather gladly
Holy manna is our bread
Come from wilderness and wandering
Here in truth we will be fed
You that yearn for days of fullness
All around us is our food
Taste and see the grace eternal
Taste and see that God is good**

**All who hunger, never strangers
Seeker, be a welcome guest
Come from restlessness and roaming
Here in joy we keep the feast
We that once were lost and scattered
In communion's love have stood
Taste and see the grace eternal
Taste and see that God is good**

**All who hunger, sing together
Jesus Christ is living bread
Come from loneliness and longing
Here in peace we have been fed
Blest are those who from this table
Live their days in gratitude
Taste and see the grace eternal
Taste and see that God is good**

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*OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"Daily Bread"
Worship Band

Boldero |Gurren | Packer

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BAPTISM, Gavin Partee Christianson

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

John 6:24-35

Mike Higgins

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, Blessing of the Backpacks

Aimee Cox

Holy God, we pray for our schools, our students, and our teachers. We pray that our schools will be safe places where our children can grow, discover, and be enriched without fear or worry. We pray that our students will have a fun-filled year with great friendships and lots of learning. We pray for our teachers that they will know we support them and their call to education.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-16

Katie Higgins

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Aimee Cox

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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.
 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,
 brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
 and set before us the way of life.
 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.
 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.
 By your great mercy we have been born anew
 to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
 and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
 Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
 declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
 who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
 When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
 in the power of your Word and Holy 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."

On the day you raised him from the dead
 he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
 and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
 in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.
 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 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

**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 July/August Outreach Ministry partner, Graceworks. Thank you for your support!

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Marshall Price

Kathi McClure and family following the death of her husband, Hank, on July 30th

Mary Anne Hooper

Casei Green & family

Karen Chin

Nancy Martin

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Carl Adams

Barbara Evans Barnett

Carol Barr

Jeff Benker and Family following the
death of his mother, Flora

Brian

Brandon Bergee and Family

Velma Bradley

Dave Bradley

Elizabeth Brock

Don Campbell

Hugh Charlton

Myra Daw

Dave Edmunds

Mary Fredenhagen

John Haynes

Stacy Jernigan

Chris Johnson

Brinley Kimbrough

Caroline Lantz

Linda Mallory

Belvia Mason

Michelle & Leonard Morton & family
following the death of his mother

Sue Mueller

Bob Munn

Chuck Neighbors

Gayla and Tip Oxford

Terry Paradise

Peace in the Middle East

Jon and Peggy Pierce

John Purdue

Shelley Qualls

Judson Randolph

Amy Saffell

Pam Sanders

Family and Friends of Rev. James
Sewell following his death

Friends and family of Kay Simpson
following her death

James Thayer

Rebecca Thomas

Ukraine

John Wigant

Terri Wildman

Tonya and Hank Woolford

Karen Yarbrough