

Christ UMC Worship  
9.29.2024

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

OPENING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Room in the Inn Donna Hudson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

***Response: Help us love as Jesus loved.***

\*OPENING HYMN "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" 581 (red hymnal)  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

**1 Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, Your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift which you impart.**

**2 Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles  
still to save and make it whole.**

**3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,**

**making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving,  
your abundant life to share.**

**4 Called by worship, to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy, know, and live.**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Reconciling God, we ask you to help us open to compassion,  
for we are a divided world,  
and the conflict is waging even within us in this moment.  
Empower us, and invite us to “do unto ourselves and others” in ways  
that build up that build up your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds,  
and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE      “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”      North | Miller  
*Celebration Singers; Abbi Roe, soloist*

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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      Matthew 18:21-35      Todd Nussey

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Michelle Lomicka

SCRIPTURE

James 2:14-17

Tony Lizarraga

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Aimee Cox

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

"This Little Light of Mine"  
*Worship Band*

Spiritual

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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

"Whatever You Do"  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

3128 (Green hymnal)

**1 "Whatever you do to the least ones of these,  
 I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"  
 Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew  
 That when we serve others, we also serve you.**

**2 When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end,  
 When those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,  
 When thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?" —  
 We hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.**

**3 In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise;  
 We see you in people whom others despise.  
 At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer  
 And find, when we visit the sick, you are there.**

**4 When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands  
 And offer our hearts there, and offer our hands —  
 We notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace:  
 We see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.**

**5 "Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear  
 That when we serve others, we're serving you here.  
 And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,  
 Then out of the chaos, hope rises again.**

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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

## **Prayer List**

### **New Prayer Concerns**

Family and Friends of Kate Rust following her death

Family and Friends of Vicky Bradley following her death

Keith Geier and family following the death of his mother

Andrew Surrat

Estella Weins

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns**

Sharon Barnhill

Tom Beadles

Velma Bradley

Dave Bradley

Don Campbell

Bryan Edmunds

Dave Edmunds

Donna Fisher

Mary Fredenhagen

John Haynes

Lola Hibbert and Family following the death of her husband

Jerry Kirk

Kira Klein

Linda Mallory

Fred Mann

Kyle McComb

Shannon Mitchell

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

Sue Mueller

Bob Munn

Sam Murillo

Chuck Neighbors

Joy Noble

Keisha Norwood

Junior Oliphant

Terry Paradise

Peace in the Middle East

Marshall Price

Judson Randolph

Roland Reeves

Amy Saffell

Mike Seay

Savannah Seifferth

MerryCarol Starr

Ukraine

John Wigant

Terri Wildman