

Christ UMC Worship
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Gather Us In" 2236 (Black hymnal)
Congregation and Worship Band

**1 Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name**

**2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song**

**3 Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion**

Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

**4 Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day**

**Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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*OPENING PRAYER

**Welcoming God, we ask you to help us be a welcoming people,
for we are a divided world, and the walls that separate us are
threatening to tear us apart.**

**Empower us, and invite us to offer hospitality
in ways 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

"Welcome"

3152 (Green hymnal)

Congregation and Worship Band

**Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
to be the hands to healing and to plant the seeds of peace,
singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
where pride and power yield to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,
singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.**

**All are welcome the love of God to share
 `cause all of us are welcome here;
 all are welcome in this place.**

**Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are
 one, a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
 where our mourning turns to dancing,
 every creature lifts its voice,
 crying welcome, welcome to this place.
 You're invited to come and know God's grace.
 All are welcome the love of God to share
 `cause all of us are welcome here;
 all are welcome in this place.**

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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	Luke 14:12-14	Vicki Beadles
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Aimee Cox
SCRIPTURE	Romans 12:13-20	Susan Murillo
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Mark Price

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**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.**

All may offer silent prayers of confession.

Hear the good news:
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God's love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
 Glory to God. Amen.**

OFFERING

"At This Table"
Johnathan Vest

Menzel | Myrin

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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, a, b, c, d (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.
You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.

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.
He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth
and to make disciples of all nations,
and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.
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.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in your name.
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

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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Andy Wanczak and Family
East Tennessee/Western North Carolina
Eli Garcia
Frances Jones
Those who were in the path of Hurricane Helene

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Sharon Barnhill
Tom Beadles
Family and Friends of Vicky Bradley following her death
Velma Bradley
Dave Bradley
Don Campbell
Bryan Edmunds
Dave Edmunds
Donna Fisher
Mary Fredenhagen
Keith Geier and family following the death of his mother
John Haynes
Lola Hibbert and Family following the death of her husband
Jerry Kirk
Kira Klein
Linda Mallory
Michelle and Leonard Morton and family following the death of his mother
Sue Mueller
Bob Munn
Sam Murillo
Chuck Neighbors
Keisha Norwood
Junior Oliphant
Terry Paradise
Peace in the Middle East
Marshall Price
Judson Randolph
Family and Friends of Kate Rust following her death
Amy Saffell
Mike Seay
MerryCarol Starr
Andrew Surrat
Ukraine
Estella Weins
John Wigant
Terri Wildman