

Christ UMC Worship
November 3, 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**

Response: We remember, O God.

****OPENING SONG** "For All the Saints" (st. 1, 2, 4, 6) 711 (red)
Congregation and Worship Band

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might,
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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OPENING PRAYER

**For all the saints who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,**

we praise you, O God.

**For all the saints who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,
we praise you, O God.**

**For all the saints who live beyond us
who challenge us to change the world with them,
we praise you, O God. Amen.**

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	Revelation 21:1-6	Lindy Thompson
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 4:10-13	Lindy Thompson
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes
RESPONSE		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Rev. Mark Price
INVITATION		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON		8 (red)

**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 ay 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.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

"I Love the Lord" Wimberly|McGraths|O'Connor
Worship Band

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DOXOLOGY

94 (red)

**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!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2257 (black)

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:

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah,

God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and the prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph,
 God of the apostles and the martyrs,
 God of our mothers and our fathers,
 God of our children to all generations.
 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.

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 all your saints, especially those whom we name before you—

Allison Moise
Robert Crice
Don Noble
Annette Page

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

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.**

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

11 (red)

**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

DISMISSAL

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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communion, if you wish to do so.**

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Focus partner, Last Minute Toy Store. Thank you for your support!**

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Anna, Pete, and Summer Kirkham-Wareing

Julie Cavell

Room in the Inn

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Matt Barr

Velma Bradley

Dave Bradley

Don Campbell

Gene Cotton

Dave Edmunds

Mary Fredenhagen

Eli Garcia

John Haynes

Those who were in the path of Hurricane Helene

Heath Hudy

Frances Jones

Jerry Kirk

Caroline Lantz

Brenda Maier and Family

Linda Mallory

Don Mason

Those in the path of Hurricane Milton

Stacey Moseley

Sue Mueller

Bob Munn

Chuck Neighbors

Junior Oliphant

Terry Paradise

Peace in the Middle East

Marshall Price

Judson Randolph

Amy Saffell

Andrew Surrat

Echo Meridian Thomas

East Tennessee/Western North Carolina

Ukraine

Andy Wanczak and Family

Estella Weins

John Wigant

Terri Wildman