

Christ UMC Worship
11.17.2024

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC	Dr. Johnathan Vest
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes
MINISTRY MOMENT	Red Bird Mission
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD is God.

It is God who made us, and we belong to God.

⁵ For the LORD is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

*OPENING HYMN	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" <i>Congregation and Worship Band</i>	89 (red hymnal)
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**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!**

**2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 wellspring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
 all who live in love are thine;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.**

**4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
 which the morning stars began;
 love divine is reigning o'er us,
 binding all within its span.
 Ever singing, march we onward,
 victors in the midst of strife;
 joyful music leads us sunward,
 in the triumph song of life.**

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*OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"Thankful"

Burrows

ABP (Anything But Peaceful) Choir

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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

James 1:2-5, 16-18

Martha Moss

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Aimee Cox

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:43-48

Ron Noble

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mark Price

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

"Let Everything That Hath Breath"
Celebration Singers and Worship Band

Ames

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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

"Fill Your Hearts With Joy and Gladness"
Congregation and Worship Band

Smith

**1 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
 sing and praise your God and mine!
 Great the Lord in love and wisdom,**

**might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.**

**2 Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.**

**3 Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.**

**4 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children:
praise the Lord, all people, praise!**

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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

Bishop Graves and family following the death of his father, Fred
Colin Hudy
Melissa Brodnag
William Bush

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Irene Archambault
Matt Barr
Velma Bradley
Dave Bradley
Don Campbell
Julie Cavell
Gene Cotton
Dave Edmunds
Mary Fredenhagen
John Haynes
Heath Hudy
Jerry Kirk
Caroline Lantz
Linda Mallory
Don Mason
Sue Mueller
Bob Munn
Chuck Neighbors
Andy Oliphant and Family following the death of his father, Junior
Terry Paradise
Peace in the Middle East
Marshall Price
Judson Randolph
Room in the Inn
Lizzie Rowan and Family following the death of her grandfather
Amy Saffell
Andrew Surrat
Echo Meridian Thomas
Ukraine
Anna, Pete, and Summer Kirkham-Wareing
Estella Weins
John Wigant
Terri Wildman