

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 SONG "Angels from the Realms of Glory" 220 (red)
Congregation and Worship Band

**1 Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

Refrain:

**Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**2 Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]**

**3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]**

**4. Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]**

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**OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"Brightest and Best"
Celebration Singers

arr. Curry

Words and Music by Reginald Heber. Arranged by Keith Getty, Ben Shive, Fionán de Barra

**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 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.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or you had formed the earth,

from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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, and spoke to us through your prophets.

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,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.
You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born;
and in your signs and witnesses,

in every age and through all the world,
you have led your people from far places to his light.
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.

By this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared at our
baptism.

For you have washed away our sin,
and you clothe us in righteousness throughout our lives.
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 OF THE 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

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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

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**Today's Communion Rail benefits our January/February Ministry Focus
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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Maddie's Grandmother
Ann Little
Judy Carlisle
Kendra & John Evans

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Jean Beshears
Friends and Family of Peggy Bowling
following her death
Velma Bradley
Dave Bradley
Nancy Brown and family following the
death of sister-in-law, Barbara Smith
Don Campbell
Andrew Chomiczewski
Linda Cotton and Family following the
death of her husband, Ray
Dave Edmunds
Katie Embody
Margaret Fortney
Mary Fredenhagen
John Geer
Brent Greene
Olivia Haight
Bob Johnston
Karen Kiappes
Jane Kirk
Jerry Kirk
Caroline Lantz
Oliver Loft

Linda Mallory
Sue Mueller
Bob Munn
Chuck Neighbors
Sravanthi and Sujitha Nutalapati
Terry Paradise
Peace in the Middle East
Marshall Price
Judson Randolph
Shanelle Rauh
Saucier/Kohler Family following the
death of Thelma Ann Saucier
Aaron Seay
Merry Carol Starr
Bradly Thomas
Leslie Tiedemann
Norman Tiedemann
Sulaiman Tunkara and Family
Ukraine
Steve White and Mandy Jones following
the death of their mother, Cynthia
John Wigant
Terri Wildman