Christ UMC Worship 2.2.2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

**CALL TO WORSHIP

**OPENING SONG

"God of Love and God of Power" Congregation and Worship Band 578 (Red)

- God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
- 2. We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee; give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
- 3. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty; slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere.
 God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
- 4. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

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*OPENING PRAYER

God of love and power:
We come to worship today to hear your good news,
to hear of faith, hope and love
ringing out from your kingdom.
We know that doubt, fear and hatred
can shake even the strongest.
Shape us into faithful hopeful people,
fill us with your love that passes all understanding.
We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Worship Band

arr. Millard

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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 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Gayle Cates

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Spencer

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:21-30 Bill Heinzman

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

(Parents of small children are asked to bring their children back to their seats at this time.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Mark Price

INVITATION

CONFESSION 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.

OFFERING "A Living Prayer" Block

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!

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.

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. In his baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with sinners. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. 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.

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 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. 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 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

The roses on the altar are given in celebration of the birth of Austin Curtis Rauh and Charlotte Hope Rauh to Jonathan and Shanelle Rauh on January 23.

Today's Communion Rail benefits our January/February Ministry Focus partner, Miriam's Promise. Thank you for your support!

Prayer List

Joy

Shanelle and Jon Rauh welcomed Austin Curtis and Charlotte Hope on January 23rd! Big sisters, Jordan and Haley are excited!

New Prayer Concerns

Friends and Family of Heather O'Dell following the death of her brother, Kole Friends and Family of Trey Micah Whitlock following his death on Dec. 28 Bodhi

Charlotte Ortiz
Dave and Anne Hook
Katie Embody

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Students, Families, and Faculty impacted by the Antioch HS shooting

Dave Bradley Velma Bradley Don Campbell Dave Edmunds

Kendra and John Evans

Margaret Fortney Mary Fredenhagen

Olivia Haight Susan Hassell

Kim Hudy and family following the death of her grandmother

Jane Kirk Jerry Kirk

Those impacted by wildfires in L.A. Family and friends of Will Leake

following his death

Ann Little

Maddie's Grandmother

Linda Mallory Tim McNew

Mount Carmel Senior Living Center

Sue Mueller

Bob Munn Steve Narrie Chuck Neighbors

Ann Page Terry Paradise

Peace in the Middle East

Mark Price and family following the death of his father, Marshall Price

Judson Randolph Shanelle Rauh

Mary Lou & Alyssa Russell following the death of their husband and father, Jim

Aaron Seay

Family and friends of Sharyn Slaughter following her death

Savannah Smith and family following the death of her mother, Amber Goodwin

Merry Carol Starr Brittany Swartz

Ukraine

Beverly Wallis John Wigant

Maria Komarova Willman

Terri Wildman