Christ UMC Worship 2.23.2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Raise the Roof Academy

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

* CALL TO WORSHIP

May we dream of a world made new,
Where together we shout for justice,
And as one we fight against oppression.
May we dream of a world made new,
Where together we seek God's righteousness
And as one we sing God's praise.
May we dream of a world made new,
Where together we climb God's mountain,
And as one we enter the promised land.
May we dream of a world made new,
Where together we proclaim the good news of God's kingdom,
And as one we enjoy its peace, and abundance and love.

* OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

Congregation and Worship Band

451 (Red hymnal)

1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with me and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3 Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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* OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE "Child of God" Miller

Celebration Singers and Joyful Noise Youth 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 Psalm 34:1-8 Elizabeth Vest

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Chuck Hendrix

SERMON Dr. Sheila Peters

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "I Dream of A Church" Miller

Anne Hook and Johnathan Vest

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

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

"Good Good Father"

Youth Praise Band

Barrett | Brown

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DOXOLOGY

SILENT REFLECTION

WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

*CLOSING SONG

"Grace That is Greater"(V. 1, 4)
Congregation and Worship Band

365 (Red hymnal)

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see his face,

will you this moment his grace receive? (Refrain)

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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

We encourage you to take your printed worship order with you or to place them in the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Family of Janie and Bill Shelby following the death of their granddaughter, Hailey

Family and friends of Tim McNew following his death

Caroline Beshears and others who have lost Federal jobs

Heath Hudy Johnie Hudson

Rebecca Thomas

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Baylor Bach
Jean Beshears
Our Nation
Chip Beshears
Chuck Neighbors

Bodhi Friend and Family of Heather O'Dell following

Dave Bradley the death of her brother, Kole

Velma Bradley Charlotte Ortiz
Don Campbell Terry Paradise

Micah Davis

Peace in the Middle East

Traces Dubling and Family fallowing the death of

Tracey DuBose and Family following the death of Judson Randolph her uncle, Steve Narrie Shanelle Rauh

Dave Edmunds Rick
Katie Embody Mary Lou and Alyssa Russell following the death
Margaret Fortney of their husband and father, Jim
Mary Fredenhagen Aaron Seay

Melissa Gabehart Family and friends of Sharyn Slaughter following
Olivia Haight her death

Hannah Family Savannah Smith and family following the death of

Kim Hudy and family following the death of her mother, Amber Goodwin

her grandmother Merry Carol Starr Jeremy Kevin Stefano

Karea Tim
Donnie King Ukraine
Jane Kirk Friends

Jane Kirk Friends and Family of Trey Micah Whitlock following
Jerry Kirk his death on Dec. 28

Mr. Lattimore John Wigant
Linda Mallory Jason Williams
Jeremy Mavis' sister Terri Wildman

Sue Mueller The Zeldman Family