

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

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beyond our busyness,
above the cold winter floor
there is a glory rising born of heaven
and reaching out to each one of us

**a light that shines through the clouds
an invitation seeking all of who we are
that transfigures the world**

that transforms darkness into hope
that brings life from a cross
where old life ends and new life is born

**In glory Jesus meets us here
raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain
carrying the weight of our humanity
to the heights of heavens glory.**

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again
"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

****OPENING SONG** "We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding"
Congregation and Worship Band

2103 (Black)

**1 We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.**

**2 Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.**

**3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we, like Peter, find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.**

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****OPENING PRAYER**

ACT OF PRAISE

**"Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)"
*Worship Band***

Bergthold | Cash

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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

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Tracey DuBose

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Aimee Cox

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-36

Anne Weinberg

SERMON

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

"Common Ground, Holy Ground"
Abbi Roe and Stephen Richardson

Middleton | Strathdee

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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

**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.
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, 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, 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

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**Today's Communion Rail benefits our March/April Ministry Focus
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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Susan Buck and Family following the death of her mother, Nhu Thi Sakura
Rebecca Thomas
Jackson Lee Noble
Ty Henry

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Caroline Beshears and others who have
lost Federal jobs
Jean Beshears
Chip Beshears
Bodhi
Dave Bradley
Velma Bradley
Don Campbell
Micah Davis
Tracey DuBose and Family following
the death of her uncle, Steve Narrie
Dave Edmunds
Katie Embody
Margaret Fortney
Mary Fredenhagen
Melissa Gabehart
Olivia Haight
Hannah Family
Heath Hudy
Johnie Hudson
Jeremy
Karea
Donnie King
Jane Kirk
Jerry Kirk
Mr. Lattimore
Linda Mallory
Jeremy Mavis' sister

Family and friends of Tim McNew following
his death
Sue Mueller
Bob Munn
Our Nation
Chuck Neighbors
Friend and Family of Heather O'Dell following
the death of her brother, Kole
Charlotte Ortiz
Terry Paradise
Peace in the Middle East
Judson Randolph
Shanelle Rauh
Rick
Aaron Seay
Family of Janie and Bill Shelby following
the death of their granddaughter, Hailey
Family and friends of Sharyn Slaughter
following her death
Kevin Stefano
Tim
Ukraine
Friends and Family of Trey Micah Whitlock
following his death on Dec. 28
John Wigant
Jason Williams
Terri Wildman
The Zeldman Family