

Christ UMC Worship  
3.30.2025

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

OPENING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving,  
reconciling love of God.

**People: For once we were lost and felt so far away;  
now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**People: AMEN!**

\* OPENING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

384 (Red)

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

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\* OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"The Road Home"  
*Celebration Singers*

Paullus

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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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24

Donna Hudson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nella McCall

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:25-32

Jeff Williams

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

"Heart of God"  
*Worship Band*

Hulse | Smith | Williams

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Essential Songs; Cashagamble Jet Music; EGH Music Publishing; Wisteria Drive.  
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DOXOLOGY

95 (Red)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

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

\*CLOSING SONG

"Softly and Tenderly "(st. 1, 4)  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

348 (Red)

**1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.**

**Refrain:**

**Come home, come home;  
 you who are weary come home;  
 earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
 calling, Beloved, come home!**

**4 O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
 promised for you and for me!  
 Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
 pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]**

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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

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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

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## Prayer List

### Joy

Welcome Carter Upshur Jones born on March 26<sup>th</sup> to Erin and Nick.  
Proud grandparents are Litt and Laura Robertson Upshur

### New Prayer Concerns

Family and friends of Lonnie Castle following his death

Beverly Wallis

Cliff Wright

Ed Mueller

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Caroline Beshears and others who  
have lost Federal jobs

Jean Beshears

Chip Beshears

Binggeli Family

Bodhi

Dave Bradley

Velma Bradley

Susan Buck and Family following the  
death of her mother, Nhu Thi Sakura

Ken Burnette

Don Campbell

Dave Edmunds (Hospice Care)

Margaret Fortney

Mary Fredenhagen

Olivia Haight

Ty Henry

Tammy Hollis and Family

Donnie King

Jerry Kirk and Family following the  
death of his wife, Jane

Jerry Kirk

Caleb Lillard

Sue Mueller

Bob Munn

Susan Murillo and Family following the  
death of her husband, Sam

Chuck Neighbors

Jackson Lee Noble

Sharlet Pankalkar's Mother

Terry Paradise

Peace in the Middle East

Judson Randolph

Shanelle and Austin Rauh

Patricia Ring

Ed Saffell and Family following the  
death of his brother, Brian

Aaron Seay

Jennifer Sturgill

Ukraine

Glenn Wienke

John Wigant

Terri Wildman