

Christ UMC Worship
3.9.2025

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

As darkness gives way to light
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,
We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.
Like the green shoots of renewed life,
stirring beneath the soil,
We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.
In this time of reflection and repentance,
**We affirm our identity, we claim our security,
as children of God.**

* OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"
Congregation and Worship Band

2236 (Black hymnal)

**1 Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name**

**2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong**

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:9-17 Todd Nussey

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "Belong" de Silva
Gayle and Mickey Cates

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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 Dr. Johnathan Vest

DOXOLOGY 95 (Red hymnal)

**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 269 (Red hymnal)
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
Congregation and Worship Band

**1 Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.**

**2 As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.**

**3 As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.**

**4 And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.**

**5 Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.**

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SENDING FORTH

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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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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Caleb Lillard
 Jennifer Sturgill
 Tammy Hollis and Family
 Jaclyn Slaughter and Family following the death of her mother

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Caroline Beshears and others who have lost Federal jobs	Family and friends of Tim McNew following his death
Jean Beshears	Sue Mueller
Chip Beshears	Bob Munn
Bodhi	Our Nation
Dave Bradley	Chuck Neighbors
Velma Bradley	Jackson Lee Noble
Susan Buck and Family following the death of her mother, Nhu Thi Sakura	Friend and Family of Heather O'Dell following the death of her brother, Kole
Don Campbell	Terry Paradise
Micah Davis	Peace in the Middle East
Tracey DuBose and Family following the death of her uncle, Steve Narrie	Judson Randolph
Dave Edmunds	Shanelle Rauh
Margaret Fortney	Rick
Mary Fredenhagen	Aaron Seay
Melissa Gabehart	Family of Janice and Bill Shelby following the death of their granddaughter, Hailey
Olivia Haight	Kevin Stefano
Hannah Family	Tim
Ty Henry	Ukraine
Heath Hudy	Friends and Family of Trey Micah Whitlock following his death on Dec. 28
Johnie Hudson	John Wigant
Jeremy	Jason Williams
Karea	Terri Wildman
Donnie King	The Zeldman Family
Jane Kirk	
Jerry Kirk	
Mr. Lattimore	
Jeremy Mavis' sister	