

Christ UMC Worship
4.6.2025

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

*OPENING SONG "For the Beauty of the Earth" 92 (Red)
Congregation and Worship Band

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)**

**4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)**

**5. For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)**

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

Dr. Johnathan Vest

*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.**

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.
In love you made us for yourself;
and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,
your love remained steadfast.
You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts

and prepare with joy for the Easter feast,
 that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments
 and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy,
 we may come to the fullness of grace
 that you have prepared for those who love you.

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,
 whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.
 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
 being born in our likeness.
 He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
 even death on a cross.
 He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself,
 a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

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 for ever.

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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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Nancy Edmunds and Family following the death of her husband, Dave
Tami D'Angelo and Family following the death of her father, George Wintrode
Kathy Holtz
Micah Davis

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
Family and friends of Lonnie Castle following his death
Margaret Fortney
Mary Fredenhagen
Olivia Haight
Tammy Hollis and Family
Donnie King
Jerry Kirk and Family following the death of his wife, Jane
Caleb Lillard
Ed Mueller
Sue Mueller
Bob Munn
Susan Murillo and Family following the death of her husband, Sam
Chuck Neighbors
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
Beverly Wallis
Glenn Wienke
John Wigant
Terri Wildman
Cliff Wright