

Christ UMC Worship  
5.4.2025

OPENING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aimee Cox

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN      "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"      384 (red hymnal)  
*Congregation*

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

written by the 2025 Confirmation Class

**We believe God is made known through others and life circumstances to teach and bless us.**

**We believe in Jesus, who guides us, is life and truth, and died so we could be with him and bring others to him.**

**The Holy Spirit guides us with wisdom and understanding and leads us back to God's path that started with our baptism.**

**We believe the church is more than a building. This community accepts us, cares for us, supports us with understanding, and will forgive us as God forgives us. The church helps us find the role God made for us in the world. Everyone matters equally in God's eyes.**

**We believe in life everlasting, even after we die, we will be with God in heaven.**

**Amen**

ACT OF PRAISE

"O Love"  
*Celebration Singers*

Hagenberg

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## 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 30 Michael Higgins

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Aimee Cox

SCRIPTURE John 21:1-19 Katie Higgins

SERMON Aimee Cox

RESPONSE "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Arr. Assad  
*Trish Kaberle and Johnathan vest, soloists*

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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.**

OFFERTORY Dr. Jonathan Vest

DOXOLOGY 94 (Red hymnal)

**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!**

## CELEBRATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT AND CONFIRMATION

### INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present *these people* for baptism.

Elizabeth Grace Brockway  
Alden Thomas Timmons

I present *these people* who have completed the confirmation class.

Emmylou Ruth Cox  
Selah Rose Faulk  
Porter Kemp Fellows  
Samantha Marie Hassell  
Samantha Grace Hewett  
Adam Thomas Johnson  
Cooper Morgan Johnston  
Zoe Rae Lange  
Max Millard Loiler  
Jessica Panhalkar  
Andrew Dail Parrish  
Regan Lexie White  
Mya Grace Zeiger

### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor (To the Congregation):

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

Congregation: **We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and  
include these friends now before you in your care?

Congregation: **With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and  
live according to the example of Christ. We will surround  
these friends with a community of love and forgiveness,**

**that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments: Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH AND COMMENDATION

Pastor (To the Congregation):

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

*Congregation:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by**

**our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

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**

Hope Fazenbaker and Family following the death of her mother, Peggy Holmes  
 Kevin Walden and Family following the death of his mother, Carol Robbins  
 Amber Lloyd  
 Gavigan Family  
 George McCarthy  
 Kelly Buenostrro

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns**

|  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| David and Velma Bradley                | Local storms, tornados, and flooding |
| Karen Brutton                          | Jennifer Sturgill                    |
| Ken Burnette                           | Ukraine                              |
| Don Campbell                           | Unit 5 at RMSI on continuous         |
| Micah Davis                            | lockdown                             |
| David, Stewart, and Christian          | Glenn Wienke                         |
| Families of inmates at RMSI            | John Wigant                          |
| Margaret Fortney                       | Terri Wildman                        |
| Mary Fredenhagen                       |                                      |
| Olivia Haight                          |                                      |
| The Harless-Wainscott Family           |                                      |
| Kathy Holtz                            |                                      |
| Tammy Hollis and Family                |                                      |
| Robin Kennedy                          |                                      |
| Donnie King                            |                                      |
| Jerry Kirk and Family following        |                                      |
| the death of his wife, Jane            |                                      |
| Caleb Lillard                          |                                      |
| Fred Mann                              |                                      |
| Denver McM                             |                                      |
| Susan Minor and Family following the   |                                      |
| death of her mother, Beverly Wallis    |                                      |
| Ed & Sue Mueller                       |                                      |
| Bob Munn                               |                                      |
| Susan Murillo and Family following the |                                      |
| death of her husband, Sam              |                                      |
| Beth Negley                            |                                      |
| Chuck Neighbors                        |                                      |
| Don (Duck) Niehoff                     |                                      |
| Terry Paradise                         |                                      |
| Peace in the Middle East               |                                      |
| Charles Perry                          |                                      |
| Judson Randolph                        |                                      |
| Shanelle Rauh                          |                                      |
| Mia Saliba                             |                                      |
| Aaron Seay                             |                                      |