

Christ UMC Worship
5.18.2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* OPENING HYMN

"Welcome"

3152 (Green)

Congregation and Worship Band

**Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,**

Singing welcome

Welcome to this place.

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome, the love of God to share,

'Cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.

**Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,**

And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

Singing welcome,

Welcome to this place.

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome, the love of God to share,

'Cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.

Let's dream together of the day

when earth and heaven are one,

A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,

Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice!

**Crying welcome!
Welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'Cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this
place.**

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GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US

OPENING PRAYER

***Response:* May we love as you love.**

ACT OF PRAISE

"Total Praise"
Celebration Singers and Worship Band
Taliyah Campbell, soloist

Smallwood

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PRESENTATION OF 3rd GRADE BIBLES

Aimee Cox

***Congregation:* We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray that God will guide you, your family, and us as you use
this Bible in your home, Sunday school classes, and worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's word.**

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

John 13:31-35

Rainey Fellows

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Aimee Cox

SCRIPTURE

Acts 11:1-18

Kevin Stefano

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "I Can Only Imagine" Millard
Taliyah Campbell, soloist, and Worship Band

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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 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!**

SILENT REFLECTION

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

*CLOSING SONG "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall" 3122 (Green)
Congregation

Christ has broken down the wall,

**Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one,
Christ has broken down the wall.**

**We're accepted as we are,
we're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled,
we're accepted as we are.**

**Cast aside your doubts and fears,
cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love freely offered here;
cast aside your doubts and fears.**

**We will tear down the walls!
We will tear down every wall!
God has called us one and all.
Christ has broken down the wall!
Christ has broken down the wall.**

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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

Dr. Johnathan Vest

*We encourage you to take your printed worship order with you or to place
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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Caroline Lantz
David Nolen
Ella Kate's Cousin
Immigrant Community in Williamson County
John Glover

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Barbara Barnett
David and Velma Bradley
Karen Brutton
Kelly Buenostrro
Ken Burnette
Don Campbell
Micah Davis
David, Stewart, and Christian
Families of inmates at RMSI
Hope Fazenbaker and Family
 following the death of her
 mother, Peggy Holmes
Margaret Fortney
Mary Fredenhagen
Gavigan Family
Olivia Haight
The Harless-Wainscott Family
Kathy Holtz
Dr. Sangwoo Kim and Family
 following the death of his son,
 Ian
Donnie King
Jerry Kirk
Amber Lloyd
Fred Mann
George McCarthy

Denver McM
Susan Minor and Family following
 the death of her mother,
 Beverly Wallis
Ed & Sue Mueller
Bob Munn
Beth Negley
Chuck Neighbors
Don (Duck) Niehoff
Terry Paradise
Peace in the Middle East
Charles Perry
Judson Randolph
Shanelle Rauh
Mia Saliba
Aaron Seay
Local storms, tornados, & flooding
Jennifer Sturgill
Ukraine
Unit 5 on continuous lockdown
Kevin Walden and Family following
 the death of his mother,
 Carol Robbins
John Wigant
Terri Wildman

Christ UMC Financial Snapshot: **YTD through April 2025**

Revenue: \$412,431.00
Expense: \$373,460.00
Net Income: \$38,970.00