

Christ UMC Worship
5.25.2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

* CALL TO WORSHIP, from Psalm 67

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

* OPENING HYMN

"Shall We Gather at the River"
Congregation

723 (Red)

**Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.
(Refrain)**

**Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,**

**and provide a robe and crown.
(Refrain)**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.
(Refrain)**

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GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US

OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"Creation of Peace"
Celebration Singers and Worship Band

Miller | Hope

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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

John 14:23-29

Emory Lomicka

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Aimee Cox

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 22:1-5

Michelle Lomicka

SERMON

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

"I've Got Peace like a River"
Worship Band

Spiritual

African-American spiritual (public domain)

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

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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

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
Congregation

133 (Red)

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)**

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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

Alan Cross
Debbie Crook
Nancy Cross
Youth and Adult on Joyful Noise Choir Tour

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
John Glover
Olivia Haight
Kathy Holtz
Immigrant Community in Williamson
County
Ella Kate's Cousin
Dr. Sangwoo Kim and Family following
the death of his son, Ian
Donnie King
Jerry Kirk
Caroline Lantz
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
David Nolen
Terry Paradise
Peace in the Middle East
Charles Perry
Judson Randolph
Shanelle Rauh
Mia Saliba
Aaron Seay
Local storms, tornados, and flooding
Jennifer Sturgill
Ukraine
Unit 5 at RMSI on continuous
lockdown
Kevin Walden and Family following the
death of his mother, Carol Robbins
John Wigant
Terri Wildman