

Christ UMC Worship
8.17.2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, *Finding Your Lane*

* CALL TO WORSHIP, from Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those God redeemed from trouble**

Let us thank God for God's steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**Let us exalt God in the congregation of the people
and praise God in the assembly of the elders.**

* OPENING HYMN "Father, We Have Heard You Calling" 3150 (Green)
Congregation and Worship Band

**Father, we have heard you calling
to your church in every age;
for a sign of true devotion
for a sacrifice of praise.
In this place where you have brought us,
may we always seek to be
one in love and one in worship –
children of eternity.**

**Jesus Christ, our faith's perfecter,
priest and advocate above.
We would reach our broken nation
with the truth of your great love.
So transform our feeble witness,
may we always live to be
one in love and one in worship –
children of eternity.**

**Holy Spirit, fire of heaven,
fall upon us here today.
Bring release, bring tears, bring passion,
then transform your church, we pray.
As you pour your grace upon us,
may we always thirst to be
one in love and one in worship –
children of eternity.**

**Praise we bring to God the Father,
praise we bring to God the Son,
praise to God the Holy Spirit,
praise to you, the three in one.
Trinity of love inspire us,
may we always strive to be
one in love and one in worship –
children of eternity.**

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***OPENING PRAYER**

ACT OF PRAISE

"Nothing to Fear"
Heather O'Dell, soloist

Assad | Zach | Wardell

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GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US

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

Luke 12:49-56

Susan Murillo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Tony Lizarraga

SERMON

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WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE

Dr. Johnathan Vest

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

*“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”
Congregation and Worship Band*

Goodson

**We’ve come this far by faith
leaning on the Lord;
trusting in his holy Word,**

**He's never failed me yet.
Oh, can't turn around,
We've come this far by faith.**

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DISMISSAL

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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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them in the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.*

Prayer List

Joy:

One of our Nicaraguan families (Dania, Wilfredo and big brother, Jefrin) welcomed a new little girl, Genesis, to their family.

New Prayer Concerns:

Sulaiman Tunkara

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Anthony & Family
 Barbara and Casey Barnett
 David and Velma Bradley
 Jill Brady
 Suzanne Brandon
 Betty Bright and family following the
 death of her husband, Norman
 Karen Brutton
 Don Campbell
 Esther Cast
 Sarah Partee Christianson
 Dawn D.
 Micah Davis
 Diana Dietz
 Margaret Fortney
 Mary Fredenhagen
 Doug Fuqua
 Gentry's Educational Foundation
 Edith Ann Gibb
 George Grizzle
 Michael Ham
 Kathy Holtz
 Immigrant Community in Will. Co.
 Family and Friends of Jim Ingram
 following his death
 Donnie King
 Jerry Kirk

Ed & Sue Mueller
 Bob Munn
 Susan Murillo
 Jimmy Negley and all other deployed
 military & their families
 Chuck Neighbors
 Terry Paradise
 Peace in the Middle East
 Judson Randolph
 Joan Ratcliff
 Shanelle Rauh
 Pat Ring
 Aaron Seay
 Family and friends of Marty Stillings
 following his death
 Students beginning their Freshman
 year of college
 Students heading back to school this
 year or starting school for the first
 time
 Jennifer Sturgill
 Ukraine
 Carole Vietti
 John Wigant
 Peyton Willeman and family
 Terri Wildman