

Christ UMC Worship
8.31.2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Williamson County Homeless Alliance

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, you call us to hospitality;
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

For there are angels among us.

Loving God, you call us to give you glory
in the compassion we show to one another.

To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us

We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.

*OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

2236 (Black)

Congregation and Worship Band

**Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song**

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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***OPENING PRAYER**

ACT OF PRAISE

"Room At the Table"
Worship Band

Newcomer

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BAPTISM, Briggs Stephen Dugger

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 14:1, 7-14

Lisa Spencer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:1-3, 6

Ella Thomas

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

"No Outsiders"

Llewellyn|Cash|Gilkeson|Bentley

Worship Band

Songwriters: Chris Llewellyn, Ed Cash, Gareth Gilkeson, and Hank Bentley.

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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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" 557 (Red)
 Congregation and Worship Band

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
 the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

Refrain:

**On Christ the solid rock I stand,
 all other ground is sinking sand;
 all other ground is sinking sand.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 our comforts and our cares. (Refrain)**

**We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
 and often for each other flows
 the sympathizing tear. (Refrain)**

**When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
 but we shall still be joined in heart,
 and hope to meet again. (Refrain)**

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*BLESSING SONG "The Lord Bless and Keep You" Stratthdee

**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
 them in the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.*

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Family and friends of Chuck following his death

Jason Nichols

Family and friends of Jennifer Prock following her death

Coach Mike Roane and family

Riley Jean

Sara Jones

Victims and families of Annunciation Catholic School shooting in Minneapolis and all schools struggling to keep students, faculty, and staff safe

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Family & Friends of Barbara Barnett
following her death

Margaret Beshears

Cathy & Philip Chieng and other family &
friends of Edythe "Ede" Birkett following
her death

David and Velma Bradley

Jill Brady

Suzanne Brandon

Donna Brown

Karen Brutton

Don Campbell

Esther Cast

Dawn D.

Micah Davis

Diana Dietz

Margaret Fortney

Mary Fredenhagen

Doug Fuqua

Gentry's Educational Foundation

Edith Ann Gibb

Tim Gregath

George Grizzle

Michael Ham

Kathy Holtz

Immigrant Community in Will Co.

Mandy Jones

Donnie King

Jerry Kirk

Ed & Sue Mueller

Bob Munn

Susan Murillo

Jimmy Negley and all other deployed
military & their families

Chuck Neighbors

One of our Nicaraguan families gave birth
to a new little girl, Genesis

Terry Paradise

Peace in the Middle East

Judson Randolph

Joan Ratcliff

Pat Ring

Aaron Seay

Omar Seville and family

Family and friends of Marty Stillings
following his death

Jennifer Sturgill

Monique Timms

Sulaiman Tunkara

Ukraine

Carole Vietti

John Wigant

Terri Wildman