

Christ UMC Worship
9.14.2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mark Price

MINISTRY MOMENT, The Betty and Frank Evans Fund

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 400 (Red)
Congregation and Worship Band

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

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*OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE "Love Lifted Me" Rowe
Celebration Singers Men and Worship Band; John Dugger, soloist

Words and music: James Rowe. Arrangement © Florida Boys. CCLI #11460403.

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 15:1-10 Marnie Cotton

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Steve Middlebrooks

SERMON Rev. Bill Heinzman

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "Softly and Tenderly" Thompson
Worship Band

Composer: Will L. Thompson (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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
Congregation and Worship Band

381 (Red)

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
 much we need thy tender care;
 in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
 for our use thy folds prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
 Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
 Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**We are thine, thou dost befriend us,
 be the guardian of our way;
 keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
 seek us when we go astray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
 Hear, O hear us when we pray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
 Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us,
 poor and sinful though we be;
 thou hast mercy to relieve us,
 grace to cleanse and power to free.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
 We will early turn to thee.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.**

**Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

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*DISMISSAL

Rev. Bill Heinzman

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

Joy Announcement:

Heather and Carter Wamp recently welcomed a baby girl, Emma Jessie Wamp

New Prayer Concerns:

Family & Friends of Karen Brutton, following her death
 Family and friends of Jason Nichols, following his death
 AmySue Bernthal
 Wilma Spivey
 Ned Wheeler

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Victims and families of Annunciation
 Catholic School shooting in MN
 and all schools struggling to keep
 students safe
 Family & Friends of Barbara Barnett,
 following her death
 Margaret Beshears
 Family and friends of Edythe "Ede"
 Birkett, following her death
 David and Velma Bradley
 Suzanne Brandon
 Donna Brown
 Don Campbell
 Esther Cast
 Lilly Chagnon
 Family and friends of Chuck
 Dahlia
 Micah Davis
 Eddie Duff
 Margaret Fortney
 Mary Fredenhagen
 Doug Fuqua
 Gentry's Educational Foundation
 Edith Ann Gibb
 Tim Gregath
 George Grizzle
 Michael Ham
 Carolyn Hatchett
 Tommy Hatchett
 Kathy Holtz

Immigrant Community in Will. Co.
 Mandy Jones
 Sara 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
 welcomed a little girl named Genesis
 Terry Paradise
 Peace in the Middle East
 Family and friends of Jennifer Prock
 following her death
 Judson Randolph
 Joan Ratcliff
 Pat Ring
 Coach Mike Roane and family
 Aaron Seay
 Omar Seville and family
 Jennifer Sturgill
 Monique Timms
 Sulaiman Tunkara
 Ukraine
 Carole Vietti
 John Wigant
 Terri Wildman