

Christ UMC Worship  
9.21.2025

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Gentry's Educational Foundation

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Response:* **We will serve the God of love.**

\* OPENING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 206 (Red)  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

**I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Refrain:  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]**

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\*OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven"  
*Celebration Singers*

Choplin

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## **GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US**

PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

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 16:1-9

Bob Thomas

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:10-13

Henry Thomas

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

RESPONSE

"My Worth is Not in What I Own"  
*Katie and Michael Higgins*

Getty | Kendrick

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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

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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    "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"    2153 (Black)  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**\*work, pray, sing**

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ORDER OF FAREWELL FOR TONYA and ART BLANCHFORD

DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

BLESSING SONG    "The Lord Bless and Keep You"    Strathtdee

**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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*We encourage you to recycle your worship orders in the baskets  
 at the Sanctuary exits as you depart.*

## **Prayer List**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Babu family and the Brentwood HS community following the death of Chethan Babu  
on September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Stephanie Marshall and family following the death of her father, David Rachor,  
on September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Bailey Clark  
Room in the Inn

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Family & Friends of Barbara  
Barnett, following her death  
AmySue Bernthal  
Margaret Beshears  
Family and friends of Edythe "Ede"  
Birkett, following her death  
David and Velma Bradley  
Suzanne Brandon  
Donna Brown  
Family & Friends of Karen Brutton,  
following her death  
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  
Family and friends of Jason Nichols  
following his death  
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  
Wilma Spivey  
Jennifer Sturgill  
Monique Timms  
Sulaiman Tunkara  
Ukraine  
Carole Vietti  
Ned Wheeler  
John Wigant  
Terri Wildman