Christ UMC Worship 10.19.2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*CALL TO WORSHIP, from Jeremiah 17

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

*OPENING HYMN

"We Gather Together" Congregation and Worship Band 131 (Red)

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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*OPENING PRAYER

Into your presence we come, Lord, a few moments of community and quietness in a busy world that demands our attention. Breathe on us now that we might know your presence and power to be your presence for others. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE "Anywhere With Jesus" Alexander|Towner|Pounds

Lisa Spencer and worship band

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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 Psalm 1 Isaac Bonner

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47 Bob Thomas

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE: Presence Randy Brockway

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

"By My Side" Wilkins|Zach|Wardell|Maher Abbi Roe and worship band

Songwriters: Emoni Wilkons, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, and Matt Maher. © 2023 Be Essential Songs and Caroco Songs. CCS #10398.

*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!

SILENT REFLECTION

WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

*CLOSING SONG "They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love" 2223 (Black)

Congregation and Worship Band

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side; We will work with each other, we will work side by side; And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

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DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

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 Dr. Johnathan Vest

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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Family and friends of Rev. William "Bill" Miller following his death

Donna Perryman

The Santiago family and the Summit HS community following the death

of Laila Santiago on October 6th

Family and friends of all who were killed in the AES plant explosion

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

The Babu family and the Brentwood HS

community following the death

of Chethan Babu

AmySue Bernthal

David and Velma Bradley

Suzanne Brandon

Don Campbell

Esther Cast

Bailey Clark

Micah Davis

Sophia Earegood and family

Scott Farmer

Margaret Fortney

Mary Fredenhagen

Doug Fuqua

Gentry's Educational Foundation

Edith Ann Gibb

George Grizzle

Michael Ham

Carolyn Hatchett

Tommy Hatchett

Kathy Holtz

Immigrant Community in Will Co.

Donnie King

Jerry Kirk

Stephanie Marshall and family following

the death of her father, David Rachor

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

Pat Ring

Room in the Inn

Aaron Seay

Kathryn Seay

Family and friends of Jordan Smith

following his death

Wilma Spivey

Jennifer Sturgill

Rebecca Thomas

Sulaiman Tunkara

Ukraine

Carole Vietti

John Wigant

Terri Wildman

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Jeff Williams

Lucas Wilson following the death of

his mother and sister

Perry Wilson following the death of his

daughter and granddaughter

Karen Yarbrough