

Christ UMC Worship  
11.9.2025

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

## GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let's praise God together!  
**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty,  
God's mighty acts throughout history:  
**for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's remember the compassion God has shown toward us;  
God's mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:  
**for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren,  
so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.  
**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's worship God together!

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| * OPENING HYMN | "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"<br><i>Congregation and Worship Band</i> | 139 (Red) |
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**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning  
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.  
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely, his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.**

**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
Who with his love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need, God as a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before  
him! Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.**

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#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**God, your majesty and glory surround us here.  
We've come together to celebrate your presence,  
and to offer songs of praise and worship.  
We've come to rejoice in your mighty acts,  
and to retell the story of your faithfulness  
throughout history and in our own lives. Amen**

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| ACT OF PRAISE | "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"            | Chisholm Ortega |
|               | <i>Mickey Cates and Johnathan Vest</i> |                 |

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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.**

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| SCRIPTURE | Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 | Anne Weinberg |
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| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Steve Middlebrooks |
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| SCRIPTURE | Luke 20:27-38 | Jerrie Whitlow |
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| SERMON | Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes |
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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## RESPONSE

"He's Always Been Faithful to Me"  
*Johnathan Vest*

## Groves

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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## 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

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

400 (Red)

**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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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

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## Prayer List

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Elaine Fussell and Family  
 All those impacted by Hurricane Melissa  
 Joe McCaleb  
 Amanda Garner

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Casey Lynn Barnett  
 AmySue Bernthal  
 David and Velma Bradley  
 Suzanne Brandon  
 Sue Buffet  
 Don Campbell  
 Esther Cast  
 Micah Davis  
 Sophia Earegood and family  
 Nancy Edmunds  
 Scott Farmer  
 Margaret Fortney  
 Gentry's Educational Foundation  
 Edith Ann Gibb  
 Michael Ham  
 Carolyn Hatchett  
 Tommy Hatchett  
 Kathy Holtz  
 Immigrant Community in Will Co.  
 Gary Janke  
 Allen Johnston and family following  
   the death of his mother, Sara  
 Donnie King  
 Jerry Kirk  
 Family and friends of Rev. William  
   "Bill" Miller, following his death  
 Ed & Sue Mueller

Susan Murillo  
 Chuck Neighbors  
 Robert Newton  
 Helene Paradise and family  
   following the death of her  
   husband, David  
 Terry Paradise  
 Peace in the Middle East  
 Donna Perryman  
 Judson Randolph  
 Joan Ratcliff  
 Pat Ring  
 Room in the Inn  
 Aaron Seay  
 Kathryn Seay  
 Wilma Spivey  
 Jennifer Sturgill  
 Pramila Thomas  
 Sulaiman Tunkara  
 Ukraine  
 Carole Vietti  
 Susan Ward  
 John Wigant  
 Terri Wildman  
 Jeff Williams  
 Karen Yarbrough