

Christ UMC Worship  
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## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

OPENING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen up, everyone!  
God has given us work to do.  
**God has called each of us  
before we were even born.**  
It was God who named us.  
**It is God who claims us.**  
The light of God's love shines in us.  
**Let's shine God's love into all the world!**

\*OPENING HYMN

"The Summons" ("Will You Come and Follow Me?") 2130 (Black)  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

**Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide  
If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**ACT OF PRAISE**

**"The Call"  
*Worship Band***

**Graham | Downes**

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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	John 1:29-42	Melissa Staley
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Lanie Perkins
SCRIPTURE	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Tami D'Angelo
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

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

RESPONSE	Dr. Johnathan Vest
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Anne Hook
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.**

OFFERTORY	"Softly and Tenderly" <i>Celebration Singers and Joyful Noise Youth Choir</i>	arr. Clausen
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**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 "Would I Have Answered When You Called" 2137 (Black)  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

**Would I have answered when you called,  
Come, follow, follow me!""?  
Would I at once have left behind  
both work and family?  
Or would the old, familiar round  
have held me By its claim  
and kept the spark within my heart  
From bursting into flame?**

**Would I have followed where you led  
through ancient Galilee,  
On roads unknown, by ways untried,  
beyond security?  
Or would I soon have hurried back  
where home and comfort drew,  
Where truth you taught would not disturb  
The ordered world I knew?**

**Would I have matched my step with yours  
when crowds cried, ""Crucify!""  
When on a rocky hill I saw  
a cross against the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away  
and left you there alone,  
A dying king with crown of thorns  
upon a terrible throne?**

**O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
through all its tangled ways,  
Nor can I with a certain mind  
my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call,  
""Come, follow, follow me!""  
You'll give me strength beyond  
my own to follow faithfully.**

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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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**Sunday Worship Attendance**

Scan to register your attendance. Thank you for joining us today!



## **Prayer List**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Patti Sue Harper  
People of Minneapolis  
Linda Daniel  
Lynda Szeglin  
Mallory Marsiglio  
Laura Duff

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

The Babu Family  
Krista Barre'  
Tom Beadles  
Suzanne Brandon  
Don Campbell  
Esther Cast  
Joy Cobb  
Janet Cothron and family following  
the death of her mother,  
Peggy Stafford  
Dennison Craddock  
Micah Davis  
Brett Dean  
Angela Dugger  
Becky Duncan  
Nancy Edmunds  
Scott Farmer  
Margaret Fortney  
Karen Galloway and family  
following the death of her father  
Amanda Garner  
Edith Ann Gibb  
Amy Hargis  
Carolyn Hatchett  
Tommy Hatchett  
Kathy Holtz

Gary Janke  
Dr. Saira Jay and family  
Donnie King  
Jerry Kirk  
Jason McArthur and family  
Ed & Sue Mueller  
Susan Murillo  
Reagan Perkins  
Judson Randolph  
Joan Ratcliff  
Pat Ring  
All those incarcerated at RMSI  
Staff and Leadership at RMSI  
Amy Roadman and family following  
the death of her mother,  
Nancy Schowalter  
Room in the Inn  
Aaron Seay  
Wilma Spivey  
Kelly Stanley  
Carole Vietti  
Susan Ward  
John Wigant  
Jeff Williams  
Karen Yarbrough

## **Upcoming Groups/Meetings/Events at Christ UMC**

**SAVE THE DATE!** - Youth Dinner Theatre Fundraiser  
Saturday, February 21st | Details & registration coming soon!

**SOUP-ER Bowl Sunday** - Sunday, Feb. 8th | Soup makers can sign up in the Narthex. Soup pre-orders (\$10/quart) begin Jan. 25th!

**Lenten Sacred Self Care Group Info Meeting** - Learn more about this new Lenten group opportunity on Sunday, Jan. 25th after worship in the library. Contact Bill Heinzman for details.

**Quarterly Visitors Brunch** - Sunday, Jan. 25th at 9:15am in the library. All new visitors to our church are invited! Pick up a postcard at the Welcome Desk with additional info and RSVP today!

**Interested in joining Christ UMC?** Our next CONNECT Class begins Sunday, Feb. 1st at 9:15am in the library. RVSP to Pastor Chris

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party!** - Tuesday, Feb. 17th | 5:30pm | Fellowship Hall. Sign up in newsletter.

**Monthly: Grief Support Group** - 2nd & 4th Thursdays | 9:45am | Fireplace Area | Contact Steve Middlebrooks

**Monthly: Christ UMC Book Club** - 3rd Tuesdays 4pm | Offsite | Contact Jan Phelps

**Monthly: Prayerful Hands Knitting Club** - 4th Sunday after worship | Fireplace Area | Contact Cheryl Stanley

**Monthly: United Women in Faith** - Salad Lunch & Learn | Sunday, Feb. 22nd after worship in the library. All are welcome!

## **YAM JAM IS BACK!**

SoSA Potato Drop | Sat., Feb. 28th | Details & sign-up in newsletter

***This year we're adding a CUMC Service day after all the potatoes are loaded. Stay & help with projects around our church building and campus!***

## **Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities**

**Monthly: GraceWorks Fuel Bags** | Contact Shelly Bleistein

**Oct - April: Gentry's Tutoring** | Contact Katie Higgins or Ethel Detch

**Monthly: Meals on Wheels @ Franklin First** | Contact Becky Calvin

**Nov - March: Room in the Inn (RITI)** | Contact Donna Hudson

**HELP NEEDED with RITI Dinners on Jan. 22 & 29 and Feb. 5**

**Special Volunteer Opportunity** - Help ABLE Youth with their Music City Madness Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on Feb. 14 & 15. Over 200 volunteer spots need to be filled. Sign up in our newsletter.

Sign up links and additional details can be found in the Narthex and in our weekly newsletter. Subscribe today!

