

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

MINISTRY MOMENT, Building Lives Foundation

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*\*OPENING SONG      "God of Love and God of Power"  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

578 (Red)

**God of love and God of power,  
grant us in this burning hour  
grace to ask these gifts of thee,  
daring hearts and spirits free.  
God of love and God of power,  
thou hast called us for this hour.**

**We are not the first to be  
banished by our fears from thee;  
give us courage, let us hear  
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.  
God of love and God of power,  
thou hast called us for this hour.**

**All our lives belong to thee,  
thou our final loyalty;  
slaves are we whene'er we share  
that devotion anywhere.  
God of love and God of power,  
thou hast called us for this hour.**

**God of love and God of power,  
make us worthy of this hour;  
offering lives if it's thy will,**

**keeping free our spirits still.  
God of love and God of power,  
thou hast called us for this hour.**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God of love and power:  
We come to worship today to hear your good news,  
of what it means to live as your children,  
both beloved and blessed.  
We know that with blessing comes a call to active love.  
Shape us into faithful, hopeful, reconciling people,  
and fill us with your love that passes all understanding.  
We pray this together in the name and Spirit of Christ, Amen.**

**ACT OF PRAISE**

**"The Song of Reconciliation "** Dente|Becker|Ashton  
*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**

Matthew 5:1-12

Susan Murillo

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Lanie Perkins

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**RESPONSE**

**"I Choose Love"**  
*Celebration Singers*

Thompson | Miller

*Please sing with the choir when directed.*

**In the midst of pain, I choose love.  
In the midst of pain, I choose love.  
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,  
I await the sun again, I choose love, I choose love.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mark Price

INVITATION

CONFESSON

8 (Red)

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

"The Love of God Made Real"  
*Worship Band*

Zelman | Miller

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
    or you had formed the earth,  
from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.  
You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.  
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed,  
    your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity,  
    made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
    and spoke to us through your prophets.  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in  
the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.  
In his baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with sinners.  
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna  
in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the  
highest, hosanna in the highest.**

#### 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.**

#### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

\*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:**

Sonja O'Dell

All those dealing with aftermath of Winter Storm Fern

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

The Babu Family	Kathy Holtz
Krista Barre'	Gary Janke
Tom Beadles	Dr. Saira Jay and family
Suzanne Brandon	Donnie King
Don Campbell	Jerry Kirk
Esther Cast	Jason McArthur and family
Joy Cobb	People of Minneapolis
Janet Cothron and family following the death of her mother,	Ed & Sue Mueller
Peggy Stafford	Susan Murillo
Dennison Craddock	Judson Randolph
Linda Daniel	Joan Ratcliff
Micah Davis	Pat Ring
Brett Dean	All those incarcerated at RMSI
Laura Duff	Staff and Leadership at RMSI
Angela Dugger	Amy Roadman and family following the death of her mother,
Becky Duncan	Nancy Schowalter
Nancy Edmunds	Room in the Inn
Scott Farmer	Aaron Seay
Margaret Fortney	Wilma Spivey
Karen Galloway and family following the death of her father	Kelly Stanley
Amanda Garner	Lynda Szeglin
Edith Ann Gibb	Carole Vietti
Amy Hargis	Susan Ward
Patti Sue Harper	John Wigant
Carolyn Hatchett	Jeff Williams
Tommy Hatchett	Karen Yarbrough