

Christ UMC Worship
2.1.2026

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" 578 (Red)
Congregation and Worship Band

**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" <i>Celebration Singers</i>	Thompson Miller
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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

CONFESSION

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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DOXOLOGY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2257 (Black)

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

Dr. Johnathan Vest

*Today's Communion rail benefits our February Outreach Ministry Partner,
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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

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

Linda Daniel

Micah Davis

Brett Dean

Laura Duff

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

Patti Sue Harper

Carolyn Hatchett

Tommy Hatchett

Kathy Holtz

Gary Janke

Dr. Saira Jay and family

Donnie King

Jerry Kirk

Jason McArthur and family

People of Minneapolis

Ed & Sue Mueller

Susan Murillo

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

Lynda Szeglin

Carole Vietti

Susan Ward

John Wigant

Jeff Williams

Karen Yarbrough