

Christ UMC Worship  
2.15.2026

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

OPENING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Transfiguration Sunday,  
we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus,  
wondering what we will encounter.

**We come to encounter God's glory revealed.**

We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

**We come to witness God's glory revealed.**

We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth,  
not about show but about Love made real among us.

**We come to remember God's glory revealed.**

We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys,  
as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

**We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*\*OPENING SONG "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" 2103 (Black)**  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

**We have come at Christ's own bidding  
to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing  
for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance  
that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples  
for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,  
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,**

**Moses and Elijah marvel  
as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder  
how the Law and Prophets meet:  
Christ with garments drenched in brightness,  
stands transfigured and complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,  
fearful lest our faith decline,  
we, like Peter, find it tempting  
to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage  
to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us  
people of the God we bless.**

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## **\*\*OPENING PRAYER**

ACT OF PRAISE

**"Light Everlasting"  
*Celebration Singers***

Christiansen

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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 17:1-9

Vicki Beadles

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:16-21

Rita Matthews

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### RESPONSE

*(Parents of small children are asked to bring their children back to their seats at this time.)*

### 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.**

### OFFERTORY

#### \*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

"I Saw the Light"  
*Worship Band*

Williams

**I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night**

**Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

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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:**

Rita and John Collett

Will Anfuso and family following the death of his father, Victor

Marcia Stoner

Addy Schumm

Laurie Ross and family following the death of her mother, Patti Sue Harper

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Suzanne Brandon

Don Campbell

Esther Cast

Angie Clampitt

Joy Cobb

Linda Daniel

Doug Davis

Micah Davis

Nancy Edmunds

Scott Farmer

All those dealing with the  
aftermath of Winter Storm Fern

Margaret Fortney

Amanda Garner

Edith Ann Gibb

Carolyn Hatchett

Tommy Hatchett

Kathy Holtz

Donnie King

Jerry Kirk

People of Minneapolis

Rees Mitchell

Ed & Sue Mueller

Sonja O'Dell

Judson Randolph

Pat Ring

Room in the Inn

Aaron Seay

Todd Seifferth and family following  
the death of his mother, Marcia

Omar Seville and family

Wilma Spivey

Lynda Szeglin

Carole Vietti

Susan Ward

John Wigant

Jeff Williams

Karen Yarbrough