

Christ UMC Worship  
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**WORDS OF LIFE: SERVE  
WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

OPENING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN    "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"    269 (Red)  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

**Lord, who throughout these forty days,  
For us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins,  
And close by thee to stay.**

**As thou with Satan didst contend,  
And didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight,  
In thee to conquer sin.**

**As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and always live  
By thy most holy word.**

**And through these days of penitence,  
And through thy Passion-tide,  
Forevermore, in life and death,  
O Lord, with us abide.**

**Abide with us that when this life  
Of suffering is past,  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may attain at last!**

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\*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ,  
 you know the tests and trials we face.  
 Journey with us through this wilderness.  
 Speak words of life to us in this holy season,  
 that we may be instruments of your lifegiving grace.  
 In the name and Spirit of Christ, we pray. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

"Tree of Life"  
*Celebration Singers*

Choplin

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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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Trish Krider

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Spencer

SCRIPTURE and HYMN

Matthew 4:1-11  
 "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

Trevor Mays  
 2105 (Black)

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 4, beginning with the first verse.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

**Jesus, tempted in the desert,  
 lonely, hungry, filled with dread:  
 "Use your power," the tempter tells him;  
 "Turn these barren rocks to bread!"**

**"Not alone by bread," he answers,  
"can the human heart be filled.  
Only by the Word that calls us  
is our deepest hunger stilled!"**

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

**Jesus, tempted at the temple,  
high above its ancient wall:  
"Throw yourself from lofty turret;  
angels wait to break your fall!"  
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,  
feats that fickle crowds request:  
"God, whose grace protects, preserves us,  
we must never vainly test."**

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.' "

**Jesus, tempted at the mountain  
by the lure of vast domain:  
"Fall before me! Be my servant!  
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!"  
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,  
turns his eyes another way:  
"God alone deserves our homage!  
God alone will I obey!"**

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**When we face temptation's power,  
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,**

**come and be our living bread.  
By your grace protect, preserve us  
lest we fall your trust betray.  
Yours, above all other voices,  
be the Word we hear, obey.**

The word of God that still speaks today. **Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

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

RESPONSE

"Sanctuary"  
*Worship Band*

Gilkyson

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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

"Testify to Love"  
*The Spencer Family*

Pool | Field | Van Manen | Riekert

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\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;**

**praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

CLOSING SONG "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" 581 (Red)  
*Congregation*

**Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles  
still to save and make us whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving  
your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service,  
forward in your name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your children, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know, and live.**

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**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

## **Prayer List**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Sally Faith  
 Ben Faulk  
 Keith Geier  
 Jim Gilchriest and family following the death of his sister, Mary  
 Wayne Gilder  
 Caleb Lillard

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Will Anfuso and family following  
     the death of his father, Victor  
 Suzanne Brandon  
 Don Campbell  
 Esther Cast  
 Angie Clampitt  
 Joy Cobb  
 Rita and John Collett  
 Doug Davis  
 Micah Davis  
 Nancy Edmunds  
 Scott Farmer  
 Margaret Fortney  
 Amanda Garner  
 Edith Ann Gibb  
 Carolyn Hatchett  
 Tommy Hatchett  
 Kathy Holtz  
 Donnie King  
 Jerry Kirk  
 Rees Mitchell

Ed & Sue Mueller  
 Sonja O'Dell  
 Judson Randolph  
 Pat Ring  
 Room in the Inn  
 Laurie Ross and family following  
     the death of her mother,  
     Patti Sue Harper  
 Addy Schumm  
 Aaron Seay  
 Todd Seifferth and family following the  
     death of his mother, Marcia  
 Omar Seville and family  
 Wilma Spivey  
 Marcia Stoner  
 Lynda Szeglin  
 Carole Vietti  
 Susan Ward  
 John Wigant  
 Jeff Williams  
 Karen Yarbrough