

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.² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."⁴ 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!"**

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ 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.' "

⁷ 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."**

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ 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!"**

¹¹ 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**

Gilkynson

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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

Composed by Henk Pool, Paul Field, Ralph Van Manen, Robert 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	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
Suzanne Brandon	Addy Schumm
Don Campbell	Aaron Seay
Esther Cast	Todd Seifferth and family following the death of his mother, Marcia
Angie Clampitt	Omar Seville and family
Joy Cobb	Wilma Spivey
Rita and John Collett	Marcia Stoner
Doug Davis	Lynda Szeglin
Micah Davis	Carole Vietti
Nancy Edmunds	Susan Ward
Scott Farmer	John Wigant
Margaret Fortney	Jeff Williams
Amanda Garner	Karen Yarbrough
Edith Ann Gibb	
Carolyn Hatchett	
Tommy Hatchett	
Kathy Holtz	
Donnie King	
Jerry Kirk	
Rees Mitchell	