

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, Raise the Roof Academy

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said "God so loved the world."

People: Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.

Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me will not perish."

People: Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.

Leader: Jesus said "God sent the Son in order that
the world might be saved through him."

People: Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.

Leader: Lord, we want so much to believe.

People: Help our unbelief.

**OPENING SONG "Blessed Assurance" 369 (Red)
Congregation and Worship Band

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above**

**echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Refrain)**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Refrain)**

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OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE "God So Loved the World" Wolaver
Celebration Singers and Children's Ensemble
Stephanie Marshall, violin

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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 12:1-4a Anne Weinberg

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17 Jan Phelps

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "New Redemption Song" Detweiler
Worship Band

Composer: Linford Detweiler of Over the Rhine. Used with permission.

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

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

Dr. Johnathan Vest

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.**

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.
You brought all things into being and called them good.
From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained

steadfast.

When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights,
you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family,
and made covenant with every living creature on earth.
When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty
nights,
you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant
people.

When your people forsook your covenant,
your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights;
and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.
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.
When you gave him to save us from our sin,
your Spirit led him into the wilderness,
where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his
ministry.
When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him
to life,
presented him alive to the apostles during forty days,
and exalted him at your right hand.
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.
Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter,
you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts,
that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced
to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

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

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

11 (Red)

**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 March Outreach Ministry
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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Laura Coulam and family following the death of her mother, Merry Brown
Adam Montgomery
Curt Demoff
Amy Hargis
Mahers Family

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Will Anfuso and family following the death of his father, Victor	Donnie King
Suzanne Brandon	Jerry Kirk
Don Campbell	Caleb Lillard
Esther Cast	Rees Mitchell
Angie Clampitt	Ed & Sue Mueller
Joy Cobb	Sonja O'Dell
Rita and John Collett	Judson Randolph
Doug Davis	Pat Ring
Micah Davis	Room in the Inn
Nancy Edmunds	Laurie Ross and family following the death of her mother, Patti Sue Harper
Sally Faith	Addy Schumm
Scott Farmer	Aaron Seay
Ben Faulk	Todd Seifferth and family following the death of his mother, Marcia
Margaret Fortney	Omar Seville and family
Amanda Garner	Wilma Spivey
Keith Geier	Marcia Stoner
Edith Ann Gibb	Lynda Szeglin
Jim Gilchrist and family following the death of his sister, Mary	Carole Vietti
Wayne Gilder	Susan Ward
Carolyn Hatchett	John Wigant
Tommy Hatchett	Jeff Williams
Kathy Holtz	Karen Yarbrough