

Christ UMC Worship
4.12.2026

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC		Dr. Johnathan Vest
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*OPENING HYMN	"Christ Has Risen" <i>Congregation and Worship Band</i>	2115 (Black)

**Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor.
Christ is risen, God is here!**

**Christ has risen for the people
whom he loved and died to save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
is not silenced by the tomb.**

**Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.**

**Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change**

**all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present
making us what he has been –
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.**

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***OPENING PRAYER**

**Loving God,
as we continue to celebrate with joy
the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ,
breathe your Holy Spirit into us,
that we may continue the mission
of sharing your unconditional love and grace. Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE "Honduras Alleluia" Glover
Celebration Singers and Worship Band; Bernie Walker, trumpet

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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 John 20:19-31 Ryan Fellows

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brennan Perkins

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 1:3-9 Porter Fellows

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "I Shall Believe" Crow | Bottrell
Worship Band

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Paul Bonner

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.**

OFFERING

"You Already Know"
Worship Band

Heller | Heller | Jordan

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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

*CLOSING SONG **"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"** (st. 1, 3, 4) 462 (Red)
Congregation and Worship Band

**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
 and to take him at his word;
 just to rest upon his promise,
 and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."**

Refrain:

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
 How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
 O for grace to trust him more!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
 just from sin and self to cease;
 just from Jesus simply taking
 life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
 precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
 and I know that thou art with me,
 wilt be with me to the end. [Refrain]**

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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

*** - Please stand in body or spirit**

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Kurt and Stacy Ring and family following the death of his mother,
Patricia, on April 1st

Eric and Elizabeth Fellows and family following the death of his father,
Dan, on April 7th

Bhavani Muvvala

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Suzanne Brandon

Harry Jay Breitingger

Don Campbell

Esther Cast

Doug Davis

Micah Davis

Sally Faith

Scott Farmer

Margaret Fortney

Rosa Garcia

Amanda Garner

Edith Ann Gibb

Carolyn Hatchett

Tommy Hatchett

Kathy Holtz

Donnie King

Dina Lavey

Lesley Maginas

Family and friends of Kevin

McFarland following his death

Rees Mitchell

Family and friends of Sue Mueller
following her death

Ed Mueller

Judson Randolph

Aaron Seay

Omar & Claudia Seville

Dee Slack

Wilma Spivey

Lynda Szeglin

Brad Thomas

Ella Thomas

Carole Vietti

Wally Whidby

Alison White

John Wigant

Jeff Williams

Karen Yarbrough