

Christ UMC Worship
5.17.2026

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT, Raise the Roof Choir Tour

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new world has broken into ours—
a world in which justice does come for the poor,
freedom comes for the prisoners,
and healing for the sick.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new community has been formed—**
a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find a place of belonging.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new creation has begun—**
all that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
God's new world has begun.**

* OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Alive"
Congregation

318 (Red)

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,**

**he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.**

**Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**

**In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

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OPENING PSALM, from Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great Ruler over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!
For God is the Ruler of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
**For the shields of the earth belong to God,
who is highly exalted.**

ACT OF PRAISE

"Total Praise"
Celebration Singers and Worship Band

Smallwood

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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 Luke 24:44-53 Jeff Williams

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-11 Saylor Bickford Haynes

SERMON Rev. Mark Price

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "Where the Soul of Man Never Dies" Golden
Mickey Cates and Paul Cavitt

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

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 "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" Baloche
Worship Band

**It's often quite a challenge
to follow in your Way;
We're easily distracted!
It's hard, Lord, to obey.
Sometimes we give you Sundays —
an hour, maybe two —
But your ascension means,
Lord, all life belongs to you.**

**One day, O Lord, we'll know you,
as we are fully known;
One day this world of sinners
will bow before your throne.
One day, God's whole creation
will sing and praise your name;
On earth as now in heaven,
we'll celebrate your reign.**

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SENDING FORTH

Rev. Mark Price

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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*We encourage you to take your printed worship order with you or to place
them in the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.*

Prayer List

Joy:

Mackenzie and Seyda Garcia-Fazenbaker welcomed twins, Elliot Mae and Noa Jude, on May 6th. Everyone is doing well!

New Prayer Concerns:

Jo High and family & friends following the death of Gary High on May 7th
Mac Warner
Mary O'Benedict
Stephanie Earegood
Community of Brownsville, TN

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Suzanne Brandon
Family and friends of Gabrielle Brault
following her death
Elizabeth Brock
Don Campbell
Esther Cast
Doug Davis
Jonathan Davis & family
Micah Davis
Kendra Evans
Sally Faith
Scott Farmer
Margaret Fortney
Mary Fredenhagen
Amanda Garner
Edith Ann Gibb
Graduating seniors and their families
Carolyn Hatchett
Tommy Hatchett
Kathy Holtz

Debbie Johnston & family following the
death of her son, Robbie
Dan Jones
Donnie King
Marvin Koontz
Nancy Martin
Felicia & David
Rees Mitchell
Ed Mueller
Robert & MaryLou Newton
Judson Randolph
Samantha & Leslie
Aaron Seay
Wilma Spivey
Lynda Szeglin
Ella Thomas
Carole Vietti
John Wigant
Jeff Williams
Karen Yarbrough