

Christ UMC Worship  
5.31.2026

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

O Divine Voice,  
**You sing and the universe comes into being;**  
O Divine Breath,  
**You breathe and all things spring to life;**  
O Divine Word,  
**You call and creation is sustained;**  
O Divine Flesh,  
**You are born among us,  
and the Creator is clothed in creation;**  
O Divine Spirit,  
**You fill all that has been formed;**  
O Divine Life,  
**You are the pulse of all that is.**

And so, in amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration  
we marvel at this mystery:  
In you all things live and move and have being,  
In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry;  
And so we join with creation  
in the eternal song of worship and wonder...

\* OPENING HYMN      "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"      152 (Red)  
*Congregation*

**I sing the almighty power of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky.**

**There's not a plant or flower below,  
but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care;  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.**

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#### OPENING PSALM 8

O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.  
<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
<sup>4</sup> what are humans that you are mindful of us,  
mortals that you care for us?  
<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made us a little lower than God  
and crowned us with glory and honor.  
<sup>6</sup> You have given us dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under our feet,  
<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
<sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ACT OF PRAISE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
*Celebration Singers*

Rutter

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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 1:1-19

Nicole Cook

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:20-2:4a

Lindy Thompson

SERMON

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

RESPONSE

"The Architect" Musgraves | Osbourne | McAnally  
*Bethany Graham and Johnathan Vest*

Songwriters: Kacey Musgraves, Josh Osborne, and Shane McAnally.  
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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.**



**Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day!**

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SENDING FORTH

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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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## Prayer List

### New Prayer Concerns:

Glenn and Nancy Bowron  
Rachel Elizabeth  
Family and friends of Marilyn Parks following her death  
Tony Lo Faro

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Mary O. Benedict	Debbie Johnston & family following the death of her son, Robbie
Suzanne Brandon	Dan Jones
Family and friends of Gabrielle Brault following her death	Donnie King
Elizabeth Brock	Marvin Koontz
Community of Brownsville, TN	The Lillicrap Family
Don Campbell	Nancy Martin
Esther Cast	Felicia & David
Doug Davis	Rees Mitchell
Jonathan Davis & family	Ed Mueller
Micah Davis	MaryLou Newton
Stephanie Earegood	Judson Randolph
Kendra Evans	Samantha & Leslie
Sally Faith	Aaron Seay
Margaret Fortney	Claudia Seville
Mary Fredenhagen	Wilma Spivey
Edith Ann Gibb	Lynda Szeglin
Carolyn Hatchett	Carole Vietti
Tommy Hatchett	Mac Warner
Jo High and family following the death of her husband, Gary	John Wigant
Kathy Holtz	Karen Yarbrough