

Christ UMC Worship  
6.21.2026

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Encore Ministries

\* CALL TO WORSHIP, from Psalm 86

Hear my prayer, Lord;  
listen to my cry for mercy.

**When I am in distress, I call to you,  
because you answer me.**

Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.

**For you are great and do marvelous deeds;  
you alone are God.**

\* OPENING HYMN

"We Sing to You, O God"  
*Congregation*

2001 (Black)

**We sing to you, O God,  
the Rock who gave us birth,  
let our rejoicing sing your name  
in all the earth.**

**To you, O God, let songs be raised,  
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.**

**We wandered far from home  
out in a desert land,  
you shielded with your love  
our fearful pilgrim band.  
You kept us safe within your arms  
and sheltered us against the storm.**

**You bear us through the world,  
an eagle to her young,  
who rises on her wings and  
bears us toward the sun.  
We ride the vaults of light and air**

**and trust in your unfailing care.**

**O God, eternal God,  
we hide within your wings,  
the everlasting arms to whom  
our praises ring.  
Your Word is true, your way is just,  
you are the God in whom we trust.**

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#### OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"I Sing Because I'm Happy"  
*Celebration Singers*

Dilworth

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#### CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Benjamin Locke Guthrie  
Westyn David Duncan  
Blakely Jo Rogers

#### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

...Chris, to the Congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?  
If so, say we do.

Congregation: **We do.**

Chris: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and  
include these friends now before you in your care?  
If so, say we will.

Congregation: **We will.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

HYMN "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (st. 1)

**Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.**

BAPTISM AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

**May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water  
and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.**

HYMN "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (st. 4)

**Child of God, your loving Parent,  
learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.**

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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 21:8-21 Tami D'Angelo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:24-39 Steve Middlebrooks

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

RESPONSE "Standing on the Promises" Saetveit|Smith|Perry|Hall  
*Worship Band*

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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.**

OFFERING

Dr. Johnathan Vest

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

**WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING SONG

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

133 (Red)

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;**

**what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Refrain:**

**Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)**

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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:**

Karen Richardson and family following the death of her father,

Glenn Wienke, on June 14<sup>th</sup>

Doug Fuqua and family following the death of his mother,

Madeline McCrary, on June 15<sup>th</sup>

Family and friends of Jeff Newby following his death

Susan Smith

Saul Solano

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Rick Barr

Brooke Bonner

Glenn and Nancy Bowron

Suzanne Brandon

Don Campbell

Esther Cast

Doug Davis

Micah Davis

Rachel Elizabeth

Kendra Evans

Sally Faith

Margaret Fortney

Michelle Fredenhagen and family  
following the death of her mother,

Mary

Edith Ann Gibb

Jim Grimenstein

Carolyn Hatchett

Tommy Hatchett

Kathy Holtz

Dan Jones

Joe Kennedy

Donnie King

Marvin Koontz

Tony Lo Faro

Rees Mitchell

Ed Mueller

MaryLou Newton

Family and friends of Marilyn Parks  
following her death

Jan Phelps

David Pifer

Judson Randolph

Families of those incarcerated at  
Riverbend

Rachel Salmon-Parks

Aaron Seay

Sintayehu

Wilma Spivey

Lynda Szeglin

Carole Vietti

John Wigant

Karen Yarbrough