

Christ UMC Worship
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Gentry's Educational Foundation

* CALL TO WORSHIP, from Psalm 105

O give thanks to the LORD; call on God's name;
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Praise the Lord!

* OPENING HYMNS

"Gospel Hymn Medley"
Congregation

various

"I've Got the Joy"

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Down in my heart, down in my heart.

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Down in my heart to stay.

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart, down in my heart.

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

Composer: George W. Cooke (public domain).

"I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er

I'll fly away

To a home on God's celestial shore

I'll fly away.

**I'll fly away, O glory,
I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.**

Composer: Albert E. Brumley. © 1932 in "Wonderful Message" by Hartford Music Company.
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"Will The Circle Be Unbroken"

**Will the circle be unbroken
by and by, Lord, by and by.
There's a better home awaiting
in the sky, Lord, in the sky.**

**Will the circle be unbroken
by and by, Lord, by and by.
There's a better home awaiting
in the sky, Lord, in the sky.**

Composer: Ada R. Hadershon (public domain).

"Do Lord, Remember Me"

**Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me (O Lordy)
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me.
Do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me
Look away beyond the blue.**

**I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him, too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him, too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him, too.
Look away beyond the blue.**

**Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me (O Lordy)
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me.
Do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me
Look away beyond the blue.**

**Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me (O Lordy)
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me.
Do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do remember me
Look away beyond the blue.**

Text: Afro- American Spiritual (public domain).

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

**Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but thou are strong.
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk, close to thee.**

**Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**When this troubled life is o'er,
time for me will be no more.
Then guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.**

**Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Text: Anonymous (public domain).

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 29:15-28	Mike Corrin
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Lanie Perkins
SCRIPTURE	Romans 8:26-39	Barbie Corrin

SERMON

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

"Takes All Kinds"

Vaughn | Walker

Nicole Cook, Tracey DuBose, Bethany Graham, and Abbi Roe

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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

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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

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

*CLOSING SONG

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"
Congregation and Worship Band

Beachspring

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.**

**But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.
For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.
There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.**

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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:

Karla Henry
Everett Wanczak
Avery and family following a house fire

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Velma Bradley
Suzanne Brandon
Don Campbell
Esther Cast
Doug Davis
Micah Davis
Deborah Dugger
Sally Faith
Margaret Fortney
Edith Ann Gibb
Carolyn Hatchett
Tommy Hatchett
Kathy Holtz
Dan Jones
Joe Kennedy
Donnie King
Marvin Koontz
Eric Little
Rees Mitchell
Ed Mueller
Lanie Perkins and family following the death
of her grandmother, Mary Lou Newton
Doyle O'Dell
David Pifer
Judson Randolph
Rachel Salmon-Parks
Aaron Seay
Wilma Spivey
Lynda Szeglin
Carole Vietti
John Wigant
Diana Wong
Karen Yarbrough