

Christ UMC Worship
8.16.2026

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT, Pauline Rogers

* CALL TO WORSHIP, from Psalm 67

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

* OPENING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
Congregation

140 (Red)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Refrain:**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

in the sky, Lord, in the sky.

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OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE "God Is Able" Miller
Celebration Singers; Annie Mitchell, soloist

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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 45:1-15 Melissa Staley

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:26-39 Mary Jo Hanks

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "Amazing Grace" arr. Mundy
William Watson, euphonium

Arr. Iain Mundy. © Iain Mundy. CCS #10398

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

"It Is Well With My Soul"
Congregation and Worship Band

477 (Red)

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

Refrain:

**It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)**

**And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

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SENDING FORTH

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

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*We encourage you to take your printed worship order with you or to place
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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Family and friends of Eric Little following his death
Lisa Lancaster
Caroline Lantz and family
Deb Partee

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Family and friends of John Bonlender following his death
Velma Bradley
Suzanne Brandon
Don Campbell
Esther Cast
Jarrel Crocker
Doug Davis
Family and friends of Micah Davis following his death
Family and friends of Deborah Dugger following her death
Sally Faith
Margaret Fortney
Edith Ann Gibb
Bill Haman
Carolyn Hatchett
Tommy Hatchett
Karla Henry
Kathy Holtz
Bob Johnston
Dan Jones
Joe Kennedy
Donnie King
Marvin Koontz
Carol McAfee and family following the death of her husband, Tom
Rees Mitchell
Ed Mueller
Robert Nasca and family
David Pifer
Judson Randolph
Rachel Salmon-Parks
Aaron Seay
Wilma Spivey
Lynda Szeglin
Carole Vietti
John Wigant
Karen Yarbrough