

Christ UMC Worship
8.23.2026

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

* CALL TO WORSHIP, from Isaiah 43

But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

* OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Congregation

400 (Red)

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

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OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE "God Surprised Me" arr. Knight
Celebration Singers; Tracey DuBose and John Dugger, soloists

Composers: Jim Cymbala, Carol Cymbala, Brandon Camphor, Jammal Graham, and Bradley Knight. Arranged and Orchestrated by Bradley Knight. © 2018 CarolJoyMusic (BMI), BRANSongs (ASCAP), Jam Graham Music (BMI), Minister of Funk Music (ASCAP).

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 Exodus 1:8-22 Samantha Hassell

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE Exodus 2:1-10 Matthew Hassell

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Millard
Worship Band

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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

"He's Always Been Faithful"
Bethany Graham, soloist

Groves

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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

"He Leadeth Me"
Congregation and Worship Band

128 (Red)

**He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Refrain:

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]**

**Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]**

**And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. [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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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Rees Mitchell

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

Kathy Holtz

Bob Johnston

Dan Jones

Joe Kennedy

Donnie King

Marvin Koontz

Lisa Lancaster

Caroline Lantz and family

Family and friends of Eric Little following his death

Carol McAfee and family following the death of her husband, Tom

Ed Mueller

Robert Nasca and family

Deb Partee

David Pifer

Judson Randolph

Rachel Salmon Parks

Aaron Seay

Wilma Spivey

Lynda Szeglin

Carole Vietti

John Wigant

Karen Yarbrough