

Christ UMC Worship
8.30.2026

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Holy Smoke BBQ

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* OPENING HYMN "In the Desert on God's Mountain" 3029 (Green)
Congregation

**In the desert on God's mountain,
Moses saw the bush aflame,
wondered at this fiery foliage,
heard the crackling call his name.
May we notice bushes burning;
may we wonder at the flame.**

**On Mount Horeb Moses halted
stood unshod on holy ground,
felt the pulsing of God's presence,
sensed the holiness around.
May we stop amid life's labor;
may we honor holy ground.**

**"I AM THAT I AM has called you,"
spoke the incandescent voice.
Moses felt the message searing
to the heart of will and choice.
May we pause to answer summons;
may we hear God's burning voice.**

**Moses hid his face in terror,
offered his objections four:
doubt of worth and doubt of talent,
lack of trust and lack of lore.
May we set aside excuses;
may we take the task before.**

Later in the wild of Sinai,

**from another mountain height,
bringing promise to his people,
Moses shone with God's own light.
May we, not consumed, yet burning,
guide all to the mountain height.**

**Far from deserts, far from mountains,
yearns a bound humanity.
Filled with fire of holy grounding,
burning bushes may we be,
drawing all to God's bright presence—
beacons of divinity.**

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OPENING PRAYER

**God,
just as you called Moses so long ago,
so you call each one of us
to speak and act on your behalf in our world today.**

**Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow:
when we question your call
or make excuses for our abilities;
when we complain about our lack of time
or hoard our resources.**

**Give us courage to step out in faith,
to follow where you lead without hesitation or fear,
trusting that your presence goes with us,
and that you will provide all that we need.**

Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

"Take Your Shoes Off, Moses"
Worship Band

arr. Wilberg

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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	Exodus 3:1-15	Jeff Williams
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Rev. Mark Price
SCRIPTURE	Psalms 105:1-6	Bill Heinzman
SERMON		Rev. Mark Price

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE	"Light of a Clear Blue Morning" <i>Worship Band</i>	Parton
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes
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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	"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" <i>Celebration Singers; Stephanie Marshall, violin</i>	arr. Wilberg
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DOXOLOGY	94 (Red)
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**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

"Be Thou My Vision"
Congregation and Worship Band

451 (Red)

**Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with me and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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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:

Alan Hall
Chris Johnson
Grey Kidwell
Donald Lackey
Carol McAfee
Paul Woodside

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
Rees Mitchell
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