

Christ UMC Worship  
8.9.2026

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

BK MUVVALA FOUNDATION YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

\* 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 to the Lord;  
**tell of all God's wonderful works.**  
Glory in God's holy name;  
**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

\* OPENING HYMN    "When the Waves are Crashing"    3144 (Green)  
*Congregation*

**When the waves are crashing  
and my faith is drowning,  
though I may forget you,  
hold me, Lord.  
When the cliffs are steepest  
and my hope is weakest,  
though I fail to trust you,  
hold me, Lord.**

**When dark clouds have gathered  
and my love is battered,  
though I may desert you,  
hold me, Lord.  
Faith may be eternal,  
hope will last forever;  
greater still is love  
that holds me, Lord.**

Lord, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

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## OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

**"Be Alright"**  
*Worship Band*

Groban|Lawrence|Nathan

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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 37:1-4, 12-17

Violet Carnes

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37:18-28

Laurel Carnes

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

RESPONSE

"Lilies and Sparrows"  
*Margaret Beshears and Eleanor Bryant*

Ray

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mark Price

INVITATION

CONFESSION

8 (Red)

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2257 (Black)

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.  
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained  
steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign  
God,

and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day  
when justice shall roll down like waters  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,  
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in  
the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

At his ascension you exalted him  
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna  
in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly  
banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy  
Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the  
highest, hosanna in the highest.**

#### 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.**

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

11 (Red)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

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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*Today's Communion rail benefits our August Ministry Partner,  
Gentry's Educational Foundation. Thank you for your support.*

## **Prayer List**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Bob Johnston  
Robert Nasca and family  
Family and friends of Micah Davis following his death  
Family and friends of Deborah Dugger following her death

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

|                                                               |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Avery & family following a house fire                         | Rees Mitchell       |
| Family & friends of John Bonlender following his death        | Ed Mueller          |
| Velma Bradley                                                 | Doyle O'Dell        |
| Suzanne Brandon                                               | David Pifer         |
| Don Campbell                                                  | Judson Randolph     |
| Esther Cast                                                   | Rachel Salmon-Parks |
| Jarrel Crocker                                                | Aaron Seay          |
| Doug Davis                                                    | Wilma Spivey        |
| Sally Faith                                                   | Lynda Szeglin       |
| Margaret Fortney                                              | Carole Vietti       |
| Edith Ann Gibb                                                | Everett Wanczak     |
| Bill Haman                                                    | John Wigant         |
| Carolyn Hatchett                                              | Karen Yarbrough     |
| Tommy Hatchett                                                |                     |
| Karla Henry                                                   |                     |
| Kathy Holtz                                                   |                     |
| Dan Jones                                                     |                     |
| Joe Kennedy                                                   |                     |
| Donnie King                                                   |                     |
| Marvin Koontz                                                 |                     |
| Eric Little                                                   |                     |
| Carol McAfee & family following the death of her husband, Tom |                     |

**Upcoming Events @ Christ UMC**  
**Sign Up Today!**

**Eli Staley's Eagle Scout Project Work Day** - Saturday, August 15th 12pm - 6pm. Everyone is welcome to help as we build benches and tables for the church. Lunch, snacks, and water will be provided. Meet at the back parking lot/pavilion area.

**Christ UMC Book Club** - August Book: *All the Colors of the Dark*. Meeting Tuesday, August 18th at 4pm at Maggie Mefford's home. Contact Jan Phelps for information.

**Sacred Story Studio Event** - Saturday, August 22nd 10am-2pm. Details and registration can be found in the newsletter.

**Retirement Brunch for Rev. Mark Price** - Sunday, August 23rd at 9:15am in the Small Sanctuary. Bring a brunch item to share!

**United Women in Faith Meeting** - Sunday, August 23rd at 4pm in the Library. Lisa Spencer will share about her career, her faith, and her future. All are welcome!

**JOY Club Outing** - Wednesday, August 26th. JOY Club outing to Old Glory Restaurant in Columbia. Meet at the church at 10:15am to carpool. Questions? Contact Mark Price or Robin Kennedy.

**Even Here: Christ UMC Women's Retreat** - August 28 - 30 @ Beersheba Springs. Registration link can be found in newsletter. Questions? Contact Alexandra or Mark.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Questions? Contact Donna Hudson

**"Gentry's Sundays" in August: Gentry's Educational Foundation**: We are collecting school supplies for Gentry's throughout the month of August. The list of needed items can be found in the newsletter or in the Narthex. Donations can be left in the **Giving Closet**, (across from the kitchen) or in collection bins in the Narthex.

**Franklin Meals on Wheels @ Franklin 1st**: Contact Becky Calvin.

**GraceWorks Fuel Bag Assembly** - Beginning in September, we'll meet at GraceWorks facility on the 3rd & 4th Tuesdays from 1-3pm to assemble fuel bags. Sign up in the Narthex.

Questions? Contact Shelly Bleistein.

**Special Opportunity: GraceWorks Mobile Food Pantry**

Saturday, August 15th @ 7am @ Fairview Middle School

**We still need volunteers!** Scan QR code to sign up.

Questions? Contact Shelly Bleistein.

