

Christ UMC Worship
9.13.2026

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture readings are from
The New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Christ UMC Prison Ministry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 127 (Red)
Congregation

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.**

***Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.**

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OPENING PSALM, from Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

**Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel God's dominion.**

The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.

**Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
**who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.**

ACT OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Pfautsch
Celebration Singers

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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 14:19-31 Donna Hudson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 Elizabeth Pulse

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "Mary" arr. Kibble
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and Johnathan Vest*

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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

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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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Congregation and Worship Band

474 (Red)

**Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,**

**when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

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SENDING FORTH

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BLESSING SONG

“The Lord Bless and Keep You”

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**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.**

CLOSING MUSIC

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*We encourage you to take your printed worship order with you or to place
them in the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.*

Prayer List

Joy Announcement:

The rose on the chancel is in honor of Gio Michael LaRocca, who was born September 1st to Beth and Anthony LaRocca.

Proud maternal grandparents are Lisa and Eric Stuckey.

New Prayer Concerns:

Joe and Robin Kennedy and family following the death of his sister, Kathy Skretch, on August 30th

Lynnea Rogers and her parents, Kelly and Nick, as well as her medical team

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Tom Beadles

Family and friends of Kent

Bohanon following his death

Velma Bradley

Suzanne Brandon

Don Campbell

Esther Cast

Jarrel Crocker

Doug Davis

Ellie and the twins

Sally Faith

Margaret Fortney

Edith Ann Gibb

Alan Hall

Carolyn Hatchett

Tommy Hatchett

Kathy Holtz

Chris Johnson

Joe Kennedy

Grey Kidwell

Donnie King

Marvin Koontz

Donald Lackey

Lisa Lancaster

Caroline Lantz and family

Family and friends of Eric Little following his death

Family and friends of Carol

McAfee following her death

Kent McNish

Rees Mitchell

Ed Mueller

Deb Partee

David Pifer

Judson Randolph

Rachel Salmon Parks

Aaron Seay

Wilma Spivey

Lynda Szeglin

Carole Vietti

Carley Watkins

John Wigant

Shirley Williams

Paul Woodside

Karen Yarbrough