

Christ UMC Worship  
9.20.2026

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as friends who have shared fellowship for years and years.  
Come as strangers who are honored guests.  
Worship in this space where differences enrich rather than divide us.  
Come as you are! There's a place just for you!  
**Hurting and hopeful, God gathers us to worship as family.**

Come to this sanctuary with "plenty good room."  
This is a safe space for breaking the fast that comes from sorrow.  
This is the table where Love is in charge of the guest list,  
and reservations are not required.  
Come as you are! There is room for all!  
**Beautiful and broken, God provides food for the journey.**

This place is for you who have all the hope you need,  
and you who keep running out; for you who have only questions,  
and you who have only one answer.  
Come as you are! There is room for everyone!  
**Doubtful and daring, God challenges us to receive with open  
hands and hearts.**

Come, you who have been here forever,  
and you who have gone missing for a long time.  
Come, just as God made you.  
You have nothing to offer that isn't God's own.  
Come as you are! There is welcome for you!  
**Wondering and wandering, God offers us each a place to call  
home.**

\* OPENING HYMN

"All Who Hunger"  
*Congregation*

2126 (Black)

**All who hunger, gather gladly  
Holy manna is our bread**

**Come from wilderness and wand'ring  
Here in truth we will be fed  
You that yearn for days of fullness  
All around us is our food  
Taste and see the grace eternal  
Taste and see that God is good**

**All who hunger, never strangers  
Seeker, be a welcome guest  
Come from restlessness and roaming  
Here in joy we keep the feast  
We that once were lost and scattered  
In communion's love have stood  
Taste and see the grace eternal  
Taste and see that God is good**

**All who hunger, sing together  
Jesus Christ is living bread  
Come from loneliness and longing  
Here in peace we have been fed  
Blest are those who from this table  
Live their days in gratitude  
Taste and see the grace eternal  
Taste and see that God is good**

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## OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

**"Prayer to Jehovah"**  
*Celebration Singers*

Ijames

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Lanie Perkins

## **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.**

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| SCRIPTURE          | Exodus 16:2-15  | Meredith King         |
| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE |                 | Lanie Perkins         |
| SCRIPTURE          | Matthew 20:1-16 | Martha Moss           |
| SERMON             |                 | Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes |

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

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| RESPONSE | "God's Love Endures Forever"<br><i>Tracy Hearn, Anne Hook, and Abbi Roe</i> | Wimberly |
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Psalm 136, set by Kiran Young Wimberly, the McGraths and Donal O'Connor.  
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| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Brennan Perkins |
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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.**

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| OFFERING | Dr. Johnathan Vest |
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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

"Blessed Assurance"  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

369 (Red)

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**Refrain:**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (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:**

Lisa Spencer and family following the death of her father, Thomas "Tommy"  
Hatchett, on September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Heath Hudy  
John Tickle

### **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  
Kathy Holtz  
Chris Johnson  
Joe Kennedy  
Grey Kidwell  
Donnie King  
Marvin Koontz  
Donald Lackey  
Family and friends of Carol McAfee  
following her death

Kent McNish  
Rees Mitchell  
Ed Mueller  
David Pifer  
Judson Randolph  
Lynnea Rogers and her parents,  
Kelly and Nick, and her medical  
team  
Rachel Salmon Parks  
Aaron Seay  
Joe and Robin Kennedy and family  
following the death of his sister,  
Kathy Skretch  
Wilma Spivey  
Lynda Szeglin  
Carole Vietti  
Carley Watkins  
John Wigant  
Shirley Williams  
Paul Woodside  
Karen Yarbrough