

Christ UMC Worship
9.27.2026

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Room in the Inn

* CALL TO WORSHIP "When There's Trust in the Room" Thornberg | Miller

When there's trust in the room, we can breathe;
when we don't understand or deceive;
when there's grace in the air and respect everywhere,
when there's trust in the room, we can breathe.

When there's trust in the room, we can see;
when the blinders come off, and we're free;
when we're honest and fair, and receptive to care
when there's trust in the room, we can see.

Hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
When there's trust in the room, we can see;
when we're honest and fair, and receptive to care
when there's trust in the room, we can see.

When there's trust in the room, we can dream;
when our motives are just what they seem;
when our thoughts freely flow
and we're challenged to grow,
when there's trust in the room, we can dream.

Hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
When there's trust in the room, we can dream;
when our thoughts freely flow
and we're challenged to grow,
when there's trust in the room,
trust in this room,
when there's trust in the room, we can dream.

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* OPENING HYMN

"All My Days"
Congregation and Worship Band

3011 (Green)

**You know my words before they're said.
You know my need and I am fed.
You give me life. You know my ways,
my strength my path for all my days,
my strength my path for all my days.**

**If I should fly beyond the dawn,
the darkness will not overcome.
If I lie down in deepest night,
still you are there, my Lord my light,
still you are there, my Lord my light.**

**Our every thought, each word we say,
the whole of time, the present day,
are held within your mighty hand,
too wonderful to comprehend,
too wonderful to comprehend.**

**O mend my heart and free my voice.
From sin released, I will rejoice.
O search me, Lord, my spirit cries,
and let my song of praise arise,
and let my song of praise arise.**

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*OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"Stillness"
Combined choirs

Thompson | Miller

The gentle pull of God is often lost amidst the rush
of all the obligations which lay a claim on us.
Yet, just beyond the frantic pace our restless feet have trod,
lie deep still pools of quietness, the dwelling place of God.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord,
be the air I breathe;
meet me in the stillness, Lord,
free me to receive.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord,
be the air I breathe;
meet me in the stillness, Lord,
free me to receive.

O take me to that sacred place
where lost in wonder and in awe,
the moment comes and I rejoice
to be, and be with God.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord,
be the air I breathe;
meet me in the stillness, Lord,
free me to receive.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord,
be the air I breathe;
meet me in the stillness, Lord,
free me to receive.

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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	Psalm 126, <i>from The Message</i>	Anne Weinberg
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Lanie Perkins
ANTHEM	"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"	North Miller

Hallelujah!

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of clan and race,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O God of grace. Hallelujah!

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

Till all the world shall learn your love
and follow where your feet have trod,
till, glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God!

The cup of water given for you still
holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again.

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of clan and race,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O God of grace.

Till all the world shall learn your love
and follow where your feet have trod,
till, glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God! The city of our God!

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SERMON

Mark A. Miller

"May Their Memory Be a Blessing"

Thompson | Miller

May their memory be a blessing,
may their memory be a light.
May their love for us keep shining
like a candle in the night.
May they dwell within our hearts,
may we speak of them by name.
May their spirit be a constant guiding flame.

Guiding flame! A guiding flame!
May their spirit be a constant guiding flame.
May they dwell within our hearts,
may we speak of them by name.
May their spirit be a constant guiding flame.

May the good seeds they have planted
flourish on in different soil.
May we carry forward graces
born from all their earthly toil.
May they stay with us forever,
may we love them still by name.
May their spirit be a constant guiding flame.

Guiding flame! A guiding flame!
May their spirit be a constant guiding flame.
May they dwell within our hearts,
may we speak of them by name.
May their spirit be a constant guiding flame.

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"Child of God"

No matter what people say,
say or think about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what people say,
say or think about you,
You are a child, you are a child of God.

No matter what the world says,
says or think about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what the government says,
decisions, pronouncements on you,
You are a child, you are a child of God.

And there is no thing, and no one
who can separate, they can't separate
you from the truth that you're someone

You are family, you were meant to be
a child, a child of God.
You are a child, a child of God.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

THE LORD'S PRAYER

3071 (Green)

**Our God in heaven, holy is your name,
your reign come, your will done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and help us forgive as we have been forgiven.
In the time of trial lead us into light,
for yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Our God in heaven, holy is your name,
holy is your name. Amen.**

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OFFERING

"Sing Me Home"

Speed | Miller

I lift my voice to join the song,
to join with the saints and the Spirit:
and may my song bind me to you,
bring good news to all who will hear it.
We lift our voice to join the song
that God has placed in our spirit.
A song of joy, of hope and peace,
we sing for all who will hear it.

When it feels like I'm lost, sing me home.
In this place we belong and are known.
Come together and help make the song.
Sing of love, sing of God, sing me home.
When it feels like I'm lost, sing me home.
In this place we belong and are known.
Come together and help make the song.

Sing of love, sing of God, sing me home.
Sing me home.

For surely God is in the song,
inviting us to sing as one.
Drawing close, drawing near,
listen, can you hear it?
And if my voice begins to shake,
when waves of doubt around me break,
I'll sing the song of hope I learned,
listen, can you hear it.

And when the time for parting comes
God's love will still be flowing,
so let us join that song of love
that even now is growing.

When it feels like I'm lost, sing me home.
In this place we belong and are known.
Come together and help make the song.
Sing of love, sing of God, sing me home.

When it feels like I'm lost, sing me home.
In this place we belong and are known.
Come together and help make the song.
Sing of love, sing of God, sing of love, sing of God,
Sing of love, sing of God, sing me home.
Sing me home. Sing me home.

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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

"Draw the Circle Wide"
Congregation and Worship Band

3154 (Green)

**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.**

**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.**

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

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SENDING FORTH

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BLESSING SONG

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my strength my path for all my days,
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CLOSING MUSIC

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in the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.*

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Gene Cotton

Anna Long-Humphrey

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

Kathy Holtz

Heath Hudy

Joe Kennedy

Joe and Robin Kennedy and family
following the death of his sister,
Kathy Skretch

Donnie King

Marvin Koontz

Donald Lackey

Family and friends of Carol McAfee
following her death

Kent McNish

Ed Mueller

Rees Mitchell

David Pifer

Judson Randolph

Lynnea Rogers and her parents,
Kelly and Nick, & her medical team

Rachel Salmon Parks

Aaron Seay

Lisa Spencer and family following
the death of her father, Thomas
"Tommy" Hatchett

Wilma Spivey

Lynda Szeplin

John Tickle

Carole Vietti

Carley Watkins

John Wigant

Shirley Williams

Karen Yarbrough