

Christ UMC Worship

November 1, 2026

** - Please stand in body or spirit

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture readings are from

The New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, GraceWorks Manger

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

A new heaven

A new earth

A new way of thinking

A new way of being.

You are making all things new.

No more Death

No more mourning

No more crying

No more pain.

You are making all things new.

Renew our minds

to renew the world

by living out your

commandment of love.

You are making all things new.

****OPENING SONG** "For All the Saints" (st. 1, 2, 4, 6) 711 (Red)

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might,
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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****OPENING PRAYER**

**For all the saints who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your
fire, we praise you, O God.**

**For all the saints who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our
own, we praise you, O God.**

**For all the saints who live beyond us
who challenge us to change the world with them,
we praise you, O God. Amen.**

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE "May Their Memory Be a Blessing" Thompson|Miller
Celebration Singers

*You are invited to come forward and light a candle
in memory when directed.*

We remember these church members who have joined the cloud of witnesses since last November:

Danny Bonn
Gary High
Jerry Kirk
Madeline McCrary
Suzanne (Sue) Mueller



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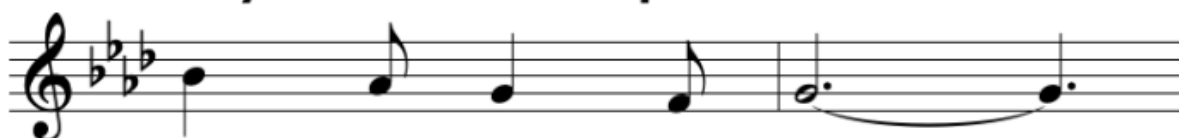
While this verse is sung, photos of members who have died this year will be shown, and a representative of the family will come forward to light a candle.



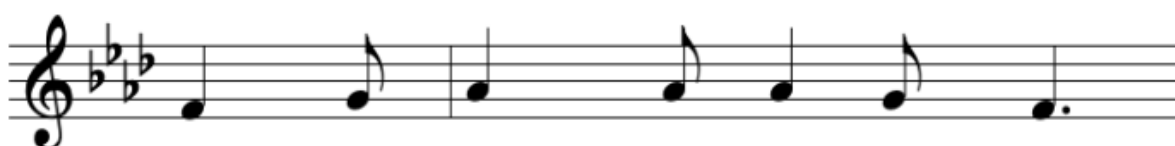
Guid-ing flame! A Guid-ing flame!



May their spi - rit be a



cons - tant guid - ing flame.



May they dwell with-in our hearts,



may we speak of them byname.



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	Matthew 5:1-12	Kevin Stefano
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Lanie Perkins
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 7:9-17	Trish Krider
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE	"Deep As It Is Wide"	Paslay
	<i>Worship Band; John Dugger, Tracey DuBose, Abbi Roe, soloists</i>	

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Brennan Perkins
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INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

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.**

All may offer silent prayers of confession.

Hear the good news:
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God's love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERTORY

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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!**

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:
 God of Abraham and Sarah,
 God of Miriam and Moses,
 God of Joshua and Deborah,
 God of Ruth and David,
 God of the priests and the prophets,
 God of Mary and Joseph,
 God of the apostles and the martyrs,
 God of our mothers and our fathers,
 God of our children to all generations.
 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.
 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.

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.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name in our hearts...

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

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 AND RECEIVING OF BREAD AND CUP

We invite you to bring forward your completed pledge cards during communion, if you wish.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "Shall We Gather at the River" 723 (Red)
Congregation

**Shall we gather at the river,
 where bright angel feet have trod,
 with its crystal tide forever
 flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
 the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the
 river that flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river,
 washing up its silver spray,
 we will walk and worship ever,
 all the happy golden day.
 (Refrain)**

**Ere we reach the shining river,
 lay we every burden down;
 grace our spirits will deliver,
 and provide a robe and crown.
 (Refrain)**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,
 soon our pilgrimage will cease;
 soon our happy hearts will quiver
 with the melody of peace.
 (Refrain)**

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

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.**

DISMISSAL

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:

Drew Thompson and family following the death of his wife, Ann, on Oct. 24th
Ben and Alyssa Van Neste

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Tom Beadles
Family and friends of Danny Bonn
 following his death
Velma Bradley
Suzanne Brandon
Don Campbell
Esther Cast
Jarrel Crocker
Doug Davis
Helen Detch
Sally Faith
Margaret Fortney
Mary Foust
Edith Ann Gibb
Bill Greer
Alan Hall
Amy Hargis
Kathy Holtz
Joe Kennedy
Donnie King
Marvin Koontz

Suze Anna Koontz
Anna Long-Humphrey
Kent McNish
Rees Mitchell
Ed Mueller
Robert Myers
Deb Partee
David Pifer
Judson Randolph
Ann Saffell
Rachel Salmon Parks
Aaron Seay
Wilma Spivey
Lynda Szeglin
Jen Terry
Carole Vietti
Susan Ward
Family and friends of Brooke
 Wengert following her death
John Wigant
Karen Yarbrough