

Christ UMC Worship
10.11.2026

*** 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

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Because God is our provider, we have everything we need.

God, help us to embrace your good gifts.

Because God is our host, we are all invited to the banquet.

God, help us to welcome everyone to the feast.

Because God is our shepherd, we need not fear.

**God, help us to love even our enemies,
as we gather in this place to worship you.**

*** OPENING HYMN**

"Gather Us In"
Congregation and Worship Band

2236 (Black)

**Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
gather us in – the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
we are the old – who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,
gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together
fire of love in our flesh and our bones.**

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*OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"Your Love"
Celebration Singers

Stewart | Courtney

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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

Matthew 22:1-14

Tracy Hearn

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Saylor Bickford-Haynes

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE

Dr. Johnathan Vest

RESPONSE: Rooted & Reaching 2027

Bill Heinzman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brennan Perkins

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

“The Wedding Feast”
Worship Band

Zach|Wardell|Bluett|Chambers

Composers: Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Kate Bluett, and Nick Chambers.
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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

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
Congregation

121 (Red)

**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.**

**But we make God's love to narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.
For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.
There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.**

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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:

Family and friends of Danny Bonn following his death on October 1st

Family and friends of Brooke Wengert following her death

Amy Hargis

Robert Myers

Deb Partee

Jen Terry

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Tom Beadles

Velma Bradley

Suzanne Brandon

Don Campbell

Esther Cast

Gene Cotton

Jarrel Crocker

Doug Davis

Helen Detch

Sally Faith

Margaret Fortney

Mary Foust

Edith Ann Gibb

Alan Hall

Kathy Holtz

Heath Hudry

Joe Kennedy

Donnie King

Marvin Koontz

Suze Anna Koontz

Anna Long-Humphrey

Kent McNish

Rees Mitchell

Ed Mueller

David Pifer

Judson Randolph

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

Rachel Salmon Parks

Aaron Seay

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

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

Wilma Spivey

Lynda Szeglin

John Tickle

Carole Vietti

Susan Ward

John Wigant

Karen Yarbrough