

Christ UMC Worship
10.25.2026

**** 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

Rachel Salmon Parks

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to love the Lord our God

We are called to love with all our heart and soul

We are called to love the Lord our God

We are called to love with all our mind and strength

We are called to love the Lord our God

And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Come, let us love our God

and share God's love in this time of worship!

* OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Congregation

89 (Red)

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,**

**chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.**

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*** OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God,
let your divine love be
the lens that lets us see,
the search that takes us where we go,
the power that enlivens our lives,
the light that points to the path,
and the very grace that saves us. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

"Testify to Love" Field | Pool, van Manen | Riekerk
Joyful Noise Youth Choir

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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	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	Lindy Thompson
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Rev. Anne Hook
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 22:34-46	Clara Wanczak
SERMON		Rachel Salmon Parks

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE	"Love the Lord Your God" <i>Congregation and worship band</i>	2168 (Black)
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**Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.**

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RESPONSE: Rooted & Reaching 2027	Sandy Walker
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes
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 "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" 2223 (Black)
Congregation

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christian by our love,
by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.**

Refrain

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.**

Refrain

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.**

Refrain

SENDING FORTH

Rachel Salmon Parks

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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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Velma Bradley

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Tom Beadles

Family and friends of Danny Bonn
following his death

Suzanne Brandon

Don Campbell

Esther Cast

Gene Cotton

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 Szeplin

Jen Terry

Carole Vietti

Susan Ward

Family and friends of Brooke

Wengert following her death

John Wigant

Karen Yarbrough