

Christ UMC Worship

10.4.2026

*** - 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

MINISTRY MOMENT, Habitat for Humanity

* CALL TO WORSHIP "And The Table Will be Wide"

Jan Richardson

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* OPENING HYMN

"I Come With Joy"
Congregation

617 (Red)

**I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.**

**Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.**

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada, 1967, rev. 1980, 1995.

ACT OF PRAISE "A Place at the Table" Murray | True
Celebration Singers and Worship Band

Please sing when directed:

**And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy.
Yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.**

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CONFIRMATION, Kierslee Ann Hinkson

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 21:33-46 Marnie Cotton

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE Psalm 19 Kevin Stefano

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "Jesus the Vine" Finnesand | Anderson | Monroe
Bethany Graham and Worship Band

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RESPONSE: Rooted & Reaching 2027 Gary Coulter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rachel Salmon Parks

INVITATION

CONFESSION and WORDS OF ASSURANCE 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 prayers of silent confession.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.
That proves God's love for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. 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!**

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.
You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.
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.
He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth
and to make disciples of all nations,
and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

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.
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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 your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name.

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 for ever.

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 OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SONG DURING COMMUNION

618 (Red)

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
Congregation

**Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy if you please.**

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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.**

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

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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*Today's Communion rail benefits our October Outreach Ministry Partner,
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Prayer List

Joy:

Congratulations to Beth and Jimmy Negley who welcomed their third child, Brooke Elizabeth, on September 22nd

New Prayer Concerns:

Danny Bonn
Helen Detch
Mary Foust
Suze Anna Koontz
Susan Ward

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Tom Beadles
Family and friends of Kent Bohanon
 following his death
Velma Bradley
Suzanne Brandon
Don Campbell
Esther Cast
Gene Cotton
Jarrel Crocker
Doug Davis
Sally Faith
Margaret Fortney
Edith Ann Gibb
Alan Hall
Kathy Holtz
Heath Hudy
Joe Kennedy
Donnie King
Marvin Koontz
Anna Long-Humphrey
Kent McNish
Rees Mitchell

Ed Mueller
David Pifer
Judson Randolph
Lynnea Rogers and her parents,
 Kelly & 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
John Wigant
Shirley Williams
Karen Yarbrough