Christ UMC Worship
11.15.2026
** - 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, United Women in Faith Bake Sale

* CALL TO WORSHIP, from Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.
With the Lord on my side I do not fear.

* OPENING HYMN "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" 126 (Red)
Congregation

Sing praise to God who reigns above
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song

my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

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* OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE "Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear" Trenney
Celebration Singers; Nicole Cook, soloist

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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 25:14-30 Jan Phelps

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Rita Matthews

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "Dear God" King | Asbury
Worship Band

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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 Dr. Johnathan Vest

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!

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

*CLOSING SONG "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Edwards
Congregation

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:

all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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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 Dr. Johnathan Vest

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Prayer List

Joy:

John & Sarah (Partee) Christianson welcomed a healthy baby girl, Lyla Joan, on November 5th. Gavin is the big brother.
Proud grandparents are Al and Deb Partee.

New Prayer Concerns:

Residents and staff of Riverbend and their loved ones
Hugh Hudson
Charles Spivey
John McKeehan

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Velma Bradley
Suzanne Brandon
Don Campbell
Esther Cast
Doug Davis
Sally Faith
Margaret Fortney
Edith Ann Gibb
Bill Greer
Alan Hall
Kathy Holtz
Joe Kennedy
Donnie King
Marvin Koontz
Suze Anna Koontz
Anna Long-Humphrey
Kent McNish
Rees Mitchell
Ed Mueller
David Pifer
Judson Randolph
Ann Saffell
Rachel Salmon Parks
Aaron Seay
Wilma Spivey
Lynda Szeglin
Drew Thompson and family following the death of his wife, Ann Thompson
Ben and Alyssa Van Neste
Carole Vietti
John Wigant
Karen Yarbrough