Christ UMC Worship
11.22.2026
** - 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 — Brennan Perkins

* CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve God with gladness!
Enter into God's presence with a joyful song!
Know that the Lord, who made us, is God!
We are the people of God,
the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving
and God's courts with praise!
Give thanks and bless God's name!
For God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

* OPENING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" 577 (Red)
Congregation

God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

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* OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE "What Does the Lord Require of You" Miller
Celebration Singers

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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 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Vicki Beadles

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46 Dave Hook

SERMON Brennan Perkins

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "Be Thou My Vision" Miller
Choral Ensemble

The congregation is invited to sing:

Great God of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

Still be my vision, O Ruler, of all.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rachel Salmon Parks

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 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" 581 (Red)
Congregation

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to have and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving
your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

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SENDING FORTH Brennan Perkins

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

New Prayer Concerns:

Tony Cavitt
Barbie Corrin
Doug Fuqua
Ray White
Room in the Inn

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
Hugh Hudson
Joe Kennedy
Donnie King
Marvin Koontz
Suze Anna Koontz
Anna Long-Humphrey
John McKeehan
Kent McNish
Rees Mitchell
Ed Mueller
David Pifer
Judson Randolph
Residents and staff of Riverbend and their loved ones
Rachel Salmon Parks
Aaron Seay
Charles Spivey
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