

**McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church
Sanctuary Worship: March 23, 2025**

Call to Worship

Prelude on "Deep River" - Adolphus Hailstork

Galina Brauer, guest organist

Welcome

Wendi Neal

***Hymn # 526**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

***Litany – Practicing the Way**

Wendi Neal

Leader: As an apprentice of Jesus, we are his right hand, his student, and his follower.

**All: We choose to slow down and open up space in our daily lives
for God to do what only God can do
and transform the deepest parts of us to become like Jesus.**

Leader: Jesus invites us to share in the with-God life.

**All: We choose to actively participate in the teachings and lifestyle of Jesus,
We want to follow the Way of Jesus.
We want to be in relationship with him.
We want to become like him, and do as he did,
so that the God-saturated kingdom of peace, justice, and love
may come to earth. Amen.**

***Response # 70**

"Glory Be to the Father"

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Wendi Neal

Children's Message

Daphne Fix



*Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3rd floor children's area following the service.*

***Hymn # 500**

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Invitation to Our Offering

Wendi Neal

Anthem

(8:30) Be Near Me Still - Ferdinand Hiller
(11:00) Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord

Casey Shapiro, soloist
Chancel Choir

***Doxology # 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sermon

Practicing the Way: This Pesky Call to Perfection
John 15:4-5

Rev. Randy Mitchell

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Wendi Neal

***Hymn # 402**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Reception of New Members

**We welcome you to McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church and with you we renew our vows
to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

***Sending Forth**

Rev. Randy Mitchell

***Benediction # 402**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (refrain)

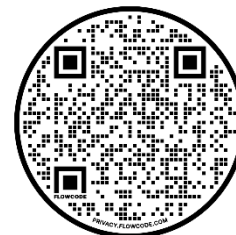
**In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

Postlude

Toccata on "Great Day" - Adolphus Hailstork

Galina Brauer, guest organist

Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Interim Director of Choirs
Rev. Randy Mitchell, guest preacher
Galina Brauer, guest organist
Kimberly Jensen, piano



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