

McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church
Sanctuary Worship: April 27, 2025

Call to Worship

Partita on "Stay With Us" - John Behnke

Stephen Wurst, organ

Welcome

Rockford Johnson

***Hymn # 159**

"Lift High the Cross"

***Litany –The Other Side of Empty**

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

Leader: We are easter people living on the other side of the empty tomb.

All: The Spirit of the Risen One is alive in us.

The Spirit is filling us,
with love, joy, and peace,
In us, the Spirit is creating,
patience, kindness, and goodness,
The Spirit is making possible,
our true gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control.

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

(11:00) Response

"Gabriel's Oboe" - Ennio Morricone

Jonathan Nichol, saxophone

Children's Message - TFWS #2043

"Alleluia"

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 # 304**

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Invitation to Our Offering

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Rockford Johnson

Anthem

(8:30) Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
(11:00) Stay with Us - Walter Pelz

Miriam Ringers
Chancel Choir with Jonathan Nichol, saxophone

***Doxology # 94**

**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!**

Sermon

The Other Side of Empty: Fruition on the Side of the Spirit
Galatians 5:16-17 & 19-25

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Confirmation 2025

Jacob Arbeitman
Birdie Banks
Gwendolyn Boese
Ellie Borden
Hallie Chandler
Addie Couch
Georgia Cunningham

Avery Farmer
Brayden Hart
Thomas Housley
Dane Lashbrook
Charlotte Massey
Madalyn Porter

Lali Ramirez-Neal
Linus Richter
Berkley Sullivan
Boomer Tahsequah
Sawyer Trent
Myra Verbick

Affirmation of Faith # 883

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 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. Amen.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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***Hymn # 593**

"Here I Am, Lord"

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**

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***Benediction # 593**

"Here I Am, Lord" (refrain)

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King - Diane Bish

Stephen Wurst, organ

Dr. Stephen Wurst, Director of Music Ministries and Organist
Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Interim Director of Choirs
Rebekah Small, Director of Middle School Ministries

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