

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

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Rockford Johnson

\*Hymn # 2223 (TFWS) They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

**\*Sending Forth**

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\*Benediction #2223 (TFWS) They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

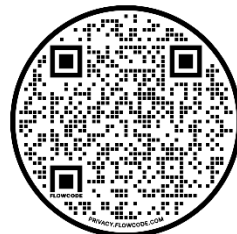
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

**Postlude**

Stephen Wurst, organ

Dr. Stephen Wurst, Director of Music Ministries and Organist  
Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries and Director of Choirs  
Dr. Kimberly Jensen, piano

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**McFarlin UMC Sanctuary Worship: June 1, 2025**

**Call to Worship**

Stephen Wurst, organ

**Welcome**

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\*Hymn # 2235 (TFWS) We Are Marching in the Light of God

**\*Litany – Living Parables**

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

Leader: Now the parables of Jesus offer a new vision;  
now the servants dine and the masters serve,  
now the last becomes first and the first becomes last.

**All: Hear the good news of the Story**  
**that no sheep is unworthy of rescue,**  
**no coin too small to be missed.**  
**Hear the good news**  
**that love is stronger than hate**  
**and that this power is alive within you now and forever.**  
**Amen.** —based upon Jesus' parables. Copyright Katherine Hawker, 2002

\*Response # 2072 (TFWS)

Amen  
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

**Congregational Prayer**

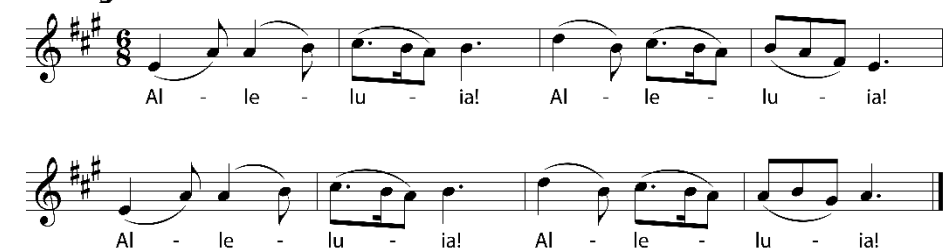
8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

**(11:00) Youth Choir Commissioning**

Stephen Wurst & Rockford Johnson

**Children's Message**

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor children's area following the service.

**\*Hymn # 399**

Take My Life and Let It Be

**Invitation to Our Offering**

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

**Anthem** (8:30) Climbin' up the Mountain - arr. Patsy Ford Simms Nathaniel Wilkins, soloist

*I'm climbin' up the mountain children, gotta reach my heavenly home.  
I'm climbin' up and workin' harder. Lord, don't ever leave me alone.  
Can't you see me tryin' to make it each day, even though trials pass my way.  
I'm gonna keep on climbin' up the mountain till make it on home.*

(11:00) I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me - arr. David and Allen Pote Chapel Choir  
(text – TFWS # 2153)

**\*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**

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**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Loving and merciful one,  
we thank you for the community in which you have placed us,  
for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.**

**Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.  
We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your kingdom.  
We fail to see your kingdom in parables  
because we fail to see your kingdom in each other.  
Form in us a new vision of community  
in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North.  
We pray for the sake of your kingdom  
that both is and is not yet. Amen.**

~ posted in Hearing the Parables with the Early Church on the Baylor University website

Words of Assurance

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The Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

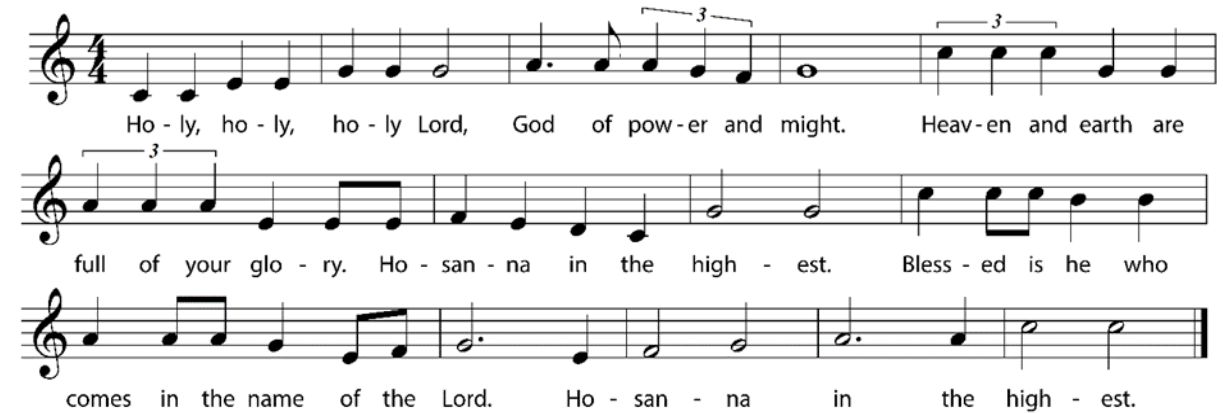
Lift up your hearts.

**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.**

...And so...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



...And so, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



...All honor and glory is yours, almighty, loving God, now and forever:

