

**McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**Sanctuary Worship: August 17, 2025**

**Call to Worship**

Jesus Loves Me - arr. Jason Payne

Stephen Wurst, organ

**Welcome**

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**\*Hymn # 127**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**\*Affirmation of Faith # 883**

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

**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.**

**\*Response # 405**

Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,**  
**and all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer**

Wendi Neal

**Blessing of the Educators**

Debbie McWhorter & Rockford Johnson

**Children's Time – Blessing of the Students**

Katie Lanier



*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 # 2197 (TFWS)**

Lord of All Hopefulness

## Invitation to Our Offering

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

**Anthem** (8:30) Little David, Play on Your Harp - arr. Philip Kern Casey Shapiro, soloist  
(Text: Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu! Hallelu! Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu!  
Little David was a shepherd boy, he killed Goliath and shouted for joy.  
David is king of Israel, his lineage will bring Emmanuel.)

(11:00) Down by the Riverside - arr. Rosephanye Powell Chancel Choir  
(Text: I'm gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, I ain't gonna study war no more.  
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, I ain't gonna study war no more.)

## \*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

What's In Your Backpack?: David and His Bravery  
1 Samuel 16:11-13, 18

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## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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## \*Hymn # 98

To God Be the Glory

## \*Sending Forth

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## \*Benediction # 98

To God Be the Glory (refrain)

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

## Postlude

And Again I Say, Rejoice! - Brenda Portman

Stephen Wurst, organ

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