

McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church
Sanctuary Worship: March 8, 2026

Call to Worship

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - arr. Diane Bish

Stephen Wurst, organ

Welcome

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***Hymn # 159**

Lift High the Cross

*** Litany for Lent: From Ashes to Beauty**

Wendi Neal

Leader: Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Let the memory of your incomplete humanity
awaken you to the wonders, joys, sorrows, and pain of life.

**All: May the ashes we wear be the ashes of transformation;
of awakening to the beauty and love of seizing the moment
and living it to the fullest.**

**Let it be said of us that here in this little part of eternity we lived fully, loved extravagantly
and helped humanity evolve into all that God dreamed we can be!**

We are fearfully and wonderfully made In the image of the ONE

who is was and ever more shall be Creator, Christ and Spirit ONE, Amen.

~ written by Pastor Dawn (adapted)

(8:30) Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Callum Gary Purcell-Clopton, grandson of Chris Purcell

(8:30) Baptismal Response # 605 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters, vs. 1



Wash, O God, our sons and daugh - ters, where your cleans - ing wa - ters flow.



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.



Weave them gar - ments bright and spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.

(11:00) Handbell Anthem

Reminiscence - Michael Glasgow

Miriam Handbells

Spring Break Mission Commissioning

Kloe Friesen, Rebekah Small, & Rockford Johnson

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Wendi Neal

Children's Time

Zach James

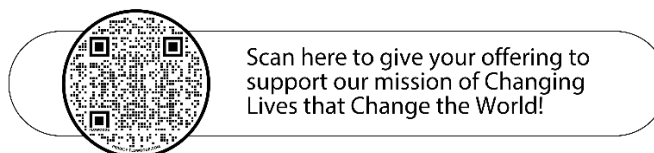
**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

*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 # 375**

There is a Balm in Gilead

***Invitation to Our Offering**



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Wendi Neal

Anthem

(8:30) Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - arr. Whitworth
Stephen Wurst and Giovanni Corrodus, Organ and Piano duet

(11:00) Nearer, My God, to Thee - arr. Dan Forrest
Text: UMH# 528
Chancel Choir with Victoria Day, cello

***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

From Ashes to Beauty: Boundaries--Good Neighbors, Good Fences
Galatians 5:1, 13-15, 22; 6:1-4

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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***Hymn # 377**

It Is Well With My Soul

***Reception of New Members**

We welcome you to this congregation and with you we renew our vows to uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

***Sending Forth**

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***Benediction # 377**

It Is Well With My Soul (refrain)

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Postlude

Postlude in A Minor - George Calkin

Stephen Wurst, organ

Dr. Stephen Wurst, Dir. of Music Ministries and Organist
Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries and Director of Choirs
Libby Waldenville, Miriam Handbells Director

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