

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



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 Wendi Neal

***Hymn # 303** The Day of Resurrection

***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** Wendi Neal

***Benediction # 308** Thine Be the Glory (refrain)
**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

Postlude Christ is Arisen - arr. John Behnke Stephen Wurst, organ

Dr. Stephen Wurst, Dir. of Music Ministries and Organist
Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries and Director of Choirs
Kayley Williamson, Dir. of Children's Choirs/Modern Worship Leader

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McFarlin UMC Sanctuary Worship: April 12, 2026

Call to Worship Easter Alleluia - Alec Rowley Stephen Wurst, organ

Welcome Wendi Neal

***Hymn # 304** Easter People, Raise Your Voices

*** Litany – Beautiful News of the Kingdom of God** (inspired by Psalm 30) Wendi Neal

Leader: Sing praises to our risen Lord:

All: who heals us and makes us whole.

Sing praises to our risen Lord, faithful children of God:

whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Sing praises to our risen Lord, faithful children of God.

Give thanks to God's holy name:

God's Beautiful Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.

~ written by Thom Shuman (adapted)

***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 Rockford Johnson

Children's Time Leslie Long

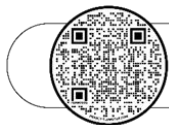


Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3rd floor children's area following the service.

***Hymn # 318**

Christ is Alive

***Invitation to Our Offering**



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Carlos Ramirez

Anthem (8:30) Be Thou My Vision --UMH# 451

Kayley Williamson, soloist; Kimberly Jensen, piano; Chuck Smith, cello

(11:00) I Know That My Redeemer Lives - Craig Courtney Chancel Choir
*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though my body be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
Alleluia, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.
Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face;
now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known.
Alleluia, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.*

***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!

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13

Carlos Ramirez

Sermon

Beautiful News of the Kingdom of God—
What We Do in the Present Will Last into God's Future

Wendi Neal

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Unison Prayer of Confession - — written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world.

We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.

Forgive us for not sharing in the beautiful news of your kingdom.

Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace.

In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty.

Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world.

We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation.

You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. **Amen.**

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, together we proclaim the mystery of faith: