

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**

(11:00) Communion Music When You Do This, Remember Me - Cathy Moglebust
Carillon Handbells

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rockford Johnson

***Hymn # 160** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, vs 1, 2, & 5

***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** Rockford Johnson

***Benediction # 160** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (refrain)
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Postlude Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae" - Lynnwood Farnam Stephen Wurst, organ

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

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McFarlin UMC Sanctuary Worship: May 3, 2026

Call to Worship (8:30) This Joyful Eastertide - Jan Bender Stephen Wurst, organ
(11:00) Peals of Praise - Karen Lakey Buckwalter Carillon Handbells

Welcome Rockford Johnson

***Hymn # 100** God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us

*** 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)

***(8:30) 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.**

(11:00) Anthem Rejoice and Sing - Craig Curry Chapel Choir

Congregational Prayer Wendi Neal

Children's Time Rockford Johnson

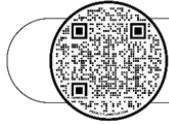


*Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3rd floor children's area following the service.*

*Hymn # 617

I Come with Joy

*Invitation to Our Offering



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Wendi Neal

Anthem (8:30) Blessed Are They - Michael Bedford Canticle Choir with Katie Lanier, flute
Summary: Blessed are they who serve the Lord.

(11:00) Blessed Are the Meek - Harry Robert Wilson Chancel Choir
Summary: Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

***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 Beautiful News of the Kingdom of God— Rockford Johnson
Transformation of the Impossible Made Possible
Matthew 3:5-12

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

-United Church of Christ, Office for Church Life and Leadership

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Beautiful News:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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

A - men, a - men, a - men.