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

Call to Worship Creator of the Stars of Night (Conditor Alme) Stephen Wurst, organ

Welcome Rockford Johnson

***Hymn # 61** Come, Thou Almighty King

***Responsive Psalm (based on Psalm 148:1-6)** Wendi Neal

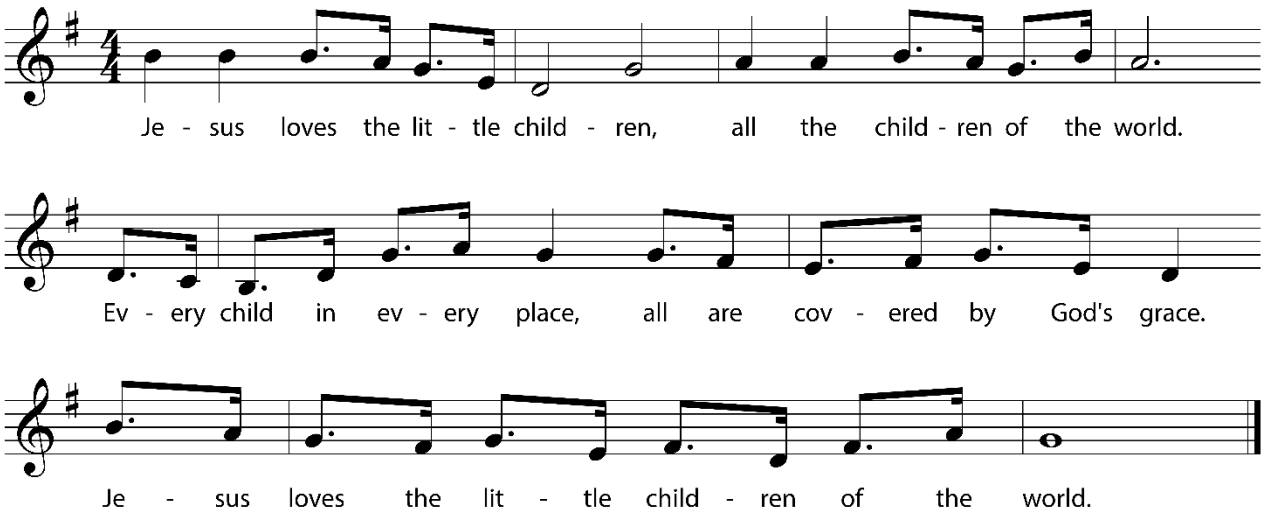
Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens, and in the high places;
all you great cloud of witnesses, praise the LORD.
All: Sun and moon, and star strewn cosmos; edges of the universe, and echoes of creation, praise the LORD!
Leader: Praise the name of the LORD, who commanded and they were created;
All: who set them in place for ever and ever; who gave them order which will never fade away.

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Handbell Anthem (8:30) Holy, Holy, Holy - arr. Sandra Eithun Resonance Handbells
(11:00) Thy Presence, My Light - arr. Jason Krug Chancel Handbells

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Wendi Neal

Children's Time Kloe Friesen



Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.
Children can be picked up by a parent following the service: K – 2nd - Room 301; 3rd – 5th - Room 306

***Hymn # 144** This is My Father's World

Invitation to Our Offering Rockford Johnson

Anthem (8:30) Earth and All Stars - arr. Walter Pelz — Canticle Choir

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory, loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song!
Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals, sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre, loud humming cellos, sing to the Lord a new song!
Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom, sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son, loud praying members, sing to the Lord a new song!

(11:00) The Majesty and Glory of Your Name - Tom Fettke — Chancel Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor and have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation: beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
Oh, what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God; little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. And so would we.
Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.

***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 — Psalm 8:1-4, John 1:1-4 — Rockford Johnson

Sermon — God and the Cosmos - Lost in Wonder — Rev. Brandon Blacksten, Executive Pastor, Acts 2 UMC

Invitation to Christian Discipleship — Rockford Johnson

***Hymn # 77** — How Great Thou Art

***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** — Brandon Blacksten

***Benediction # 62** — All Creatures of Our God and King, vs. 7

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude — All Things Bright and Beautiful - Thomas Hewitt Jones — Stephen Wurst, organist

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