

Sanctuary Worship: January 21, 2024

Call to Worship

On Jordan's Stormy Banks - arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

Welcome

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Opening Prayer (based on Jeremiah 31: 27-34)

Leader: Holy One, dwell within us.

All: Whisper in our ears;

Glimmer in our vision;

Write upon our hearts.

We wait

with open ears, open eyes, open hearts. Amen.

~ written by Joanna Harader

***Hymn # 156**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*** Affirmation - New Year, New Things**

Wendi Neal

**God is the eternal rock
From year's beginning to its end
God is faithful
In each day God is present
In each action God comes close
Through all eternity
God is trustworthy
Yesterday, today and forever
Sustaining, enlivening, making all things new
God is the eternal rock**

— written by Christine Sine

***(8:30) Response # 898**

"Amen"

Amen, amen, amen.

(11:00) Bell Anthem

Song of Assurance - Arnold Sherman

Carillon Ringers

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Wendi Neal

Children's Message

Chris Oehrlein

**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 # 724**

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

***Call for the Offering**

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

Anthem

(8:30) "A New Day Psalm" - Joseph Martin
(11:00) "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" - arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)

Chapel Choir, Kimberly Jensen, piano
Chancel Choir

***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

Isaiah 11:1-9

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

Sermon

Marvelous Ignorance and Intentional Innocence: "and a child shall lead them" Rockford Johnson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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***Hymn # 560**

"Help Us Accept Each Other," vs. 1-3

Reception of New Members

**We welcome you to McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church and with you we renew our vows
to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

***Sending Forth**

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Benediction # 560

"Help Us Accept Each Other," vs. 4
**Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

Postlude

Fanfare - Jacques Lemmens

Dr. Richard Zielinski, Director of Music
Dr. Stephen Wurst, Associate Director of Music Ministries & Principal Organist
Giovanni Corrodus, Director of Youth Choirs

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