

## Sanctuary Worship: April 28, 2024

**Call to Worship**

Prelude on Aurelia - Matthew Machemer

**Welcome**

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**\*Hymn # 64**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

**\* Litany – Give Us An Eye**

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

Leader: We ask God to give us an eye for injustice.

**All: For it is only when we are able to recognize injustice and feel its awful sting  
that we will be moved to make things right.**

Leader: We ask God to give us a tender heart.

**All: Sometimes we are too hard-hearted to recognize  
when we have been uncaring, unfeeling, or unkind.**

Leader: We ask God to give us the ability to view life from the dust.

**All our lives we have been taught to make others proud,  
to be proud of ourselves, to hold our heads high --  
all the while missing the virtues of being poor in spirit.  
Teach us dear Lord, to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.**

(adapted from Carolyn W. Dandridge, from the Africana Worship Book for Year A)

**Bell Anthem** (8:30) "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" - arr. Jason Krug  
(11:00) "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" - arr. John Behnke

Handbell Quartet  
Sanctuary Ringers

**Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer**

Wendi Neal

**Children's Message**

**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.**

Karen Thurston

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor children's area following the service.*

**\*Hymn # 2158 (TFWS)**

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

**Call for the Offering**

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

**Anthem** (8:30) "My Hope is Built" - Tom Trenney  
(11:00) "Praise the Lord" - Florence Price

Casey Shapiro, soloist  
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!**

**Sermon**

Focus: What God Requires – "Protector and Guardian of Friendship – Be One"  
John 17:11b-13, 20-23

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**\*Hymn # 545**

"The Church's One Foundation"

**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 #557**

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of Christian minds is like to that above.**

**Postlude**

Festival Piece on Nicaea - Jerry Westenkuehler

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Dr. Richard Zielinski, Director of Music Ministries  
Dr. Stephen Wurst, Assoc. Director of Music Ministries



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