

**McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church
Sanctuary Worship: September 8, 2024**

Call to Worship

Prelude on CWM RHONDDA - Paul Manz

Welcome

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***Hymn # 127**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

***Opening Litany (inspired by James 3-4)**

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

Leader: We are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision.

Our lives are full of information and opinions,
but in the midst of it all we long to hear the voice of wisdom –God's wisdom –
cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live.

All: We have come here this morning

to learn wisdom from God's word, from the Holy Spirit, and from one another.

We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness and into the light.

**We have come to have the deeper, richer, wisdom-filled life
that God has promised to each of us.**

**We are ready to hear God's word and wisdom spoken to our hearts this morning,
and seek the courage to respond.**

~ posted on Literature & Liturgy (adapted)

***Response # 405**

"Seek Ye First"

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.**

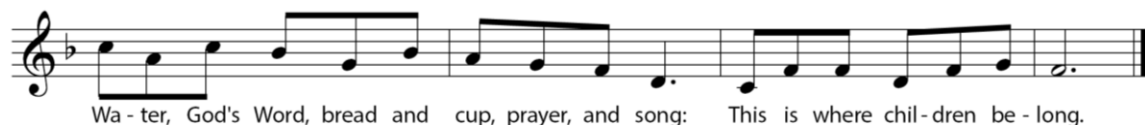
**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.**

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Wendi Neal

Children's Message

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 3rd floor children's area following the service.*

***Hymn # 454**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

***Call for the Offering**

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

Anthem

(8:30) "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go" - arr. David Phelps
(11:00) "Abide In Me" - arr. Don Marsh

McFarlin Singers' Quartet
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

Solid Wisdom in a Shaky World: Learn What It Takes
Luke 6:37-42

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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***Hymn # 715**

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

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 # 368**

"My Hope Is Built" (refrain)

**On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord is King - Brenda Portman

Dr. Stephen Wurst, Director of Music Ministries and Principal Organist
Giovanni Corrodus, Interim Director of Choirs



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