

McFarlin UMC Sanctuary Worship: January 5, 2025

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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***Hymn # 117** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," vs. 1-5

*Sending Forth

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***Benediction # 117** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," vs. 6

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.**

Postlude

Melody Palm, guest organist

Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Interim Director of Choirs
Melody Palm, Guest Organist

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Call to Worship

Melody Palm, guest organist

Welcome

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***Hymn # 384** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Responsive Reading – Character (Colossians 3:12-17)

8:30 Trey Witzel; 11:00 Scott Meier

Leader: We are God's beloved people!

People: Called to lives of kindness, humility and compassion!

God seeks to clothe us with love and to bind us together in harmony.

God desires that we bear with one another and forgive as Christ forgives.

We are God's beloved people!

Called to lives of peace and patience; called to live with grateful hearts.

We worship the God who calls us beloved! - by Safiyah Fosua

Response # 898

"Amen"
Amen, amen, amen.

Congregational Prayer

8:30 Trey Witzel; 11:00 Scott Meier

Children's Message

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**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

*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 # 399

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

***Call for the Offering**

8:30 Trey Witzel; 11:00 Scott Meier

Anthem (8:30) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - arr. Richard Walters
(11:00) Let Us Walk This Road Together - Beall & Carter

Carlie Pool, 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

Iconic "Character"
Colossians 3:9-15 and 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Unison Prayer of Confession from Psalm 139: 23-24

**All: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Leader: ...In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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.**

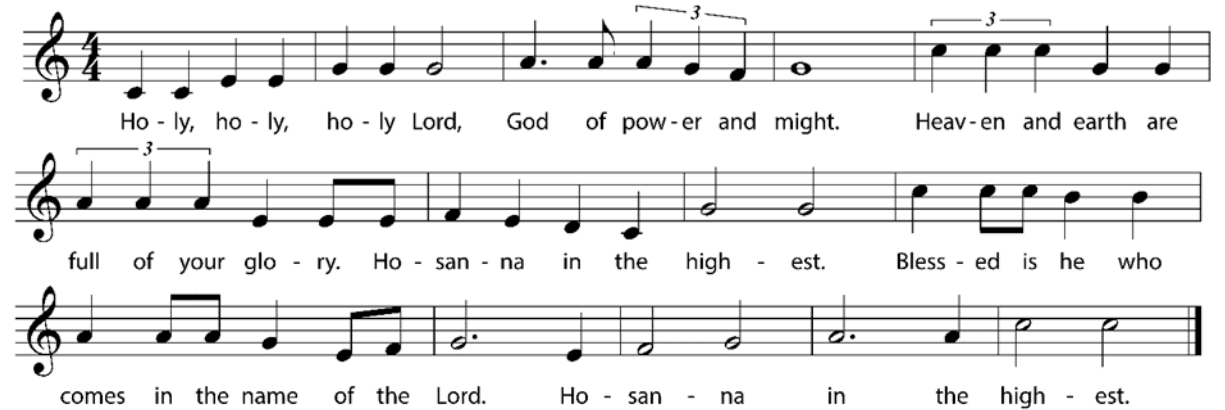
Lift up your hearts.

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, 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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