

Gathering

Prelude “Adagio” from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C, BWV 564 J. S. Bach
and “Largo” from Sonata, Op. 65 – F. Chopin arr. J. L Webber
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*; Barbara Kavanaugh, *cello*

Welcome Dr. John McLarty

Please take a moment to let us know you are here.
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Hymn*	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	127
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1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Psalter* Psalm 22:1-5, 25-31 R2 752

Ministry Moment

Special Music

“Lord of Sorrow”

Chancel Choir

*Lord of sorrow, hear my plea;
On the cross have mercy at Calvary;
Lord, have mercy on the tree.
Lord, have mercy on me.*

arr. Patrick Liebergen

Congregational Prayer Jessie Smith

Loving God, we come to you in gratitude for your presence and you care for us. May we find comfort in Jesus' humanity, how he endured suffering and separation in order to redeem us. Teach us to follow Jesus' example to seek you in our moments of despair, trusting in your redemptive power, even when this life is at its worst. Grant us the assurance of knowing that you are near, even in our brokenness, and you offer hope that is more powerful than the challenges of this world. Amen.

Call to Prayer and Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Proclamation

Hymn*	“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”	286
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown: how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners’ gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ‘Tis I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.		

Children’s Sermon for All Ages		Kim English
Scripture	Matthew 27:46	33
<i>Pastor:</i> This is the word of the Lord.		
<i>People:</i> Thanks be to God.		

Sermon	<i>Why Have You Forsaken Me?</i>	Dr. John McLarty
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Response

Affirmation of Faith*	The Apostles’ Creed	881
<p>I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.</p> <p>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p>		

Act of Praise*		70
<p>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.</p>		

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Offertory

“In Christ Alone”

arr. Joel Raney

Mark Dudley and Abi Parker, *duet*
Barbara Kavanaugh, *cello*

*In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.
My hope is built in Christ alone.*

Doxology*

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship*

Hymn*

“Lord of the Dance” v. 1, 4, 5

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1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.
Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
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Benediction*

Postlude

“Toccata” from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C, BWV 564
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

J. S. Bach

*The Congregation will please stand.

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Upcoming at FUMC

Bible, Arts, and Music Camp 2024: Created to be Creative is June 10-14! Children will discover how they are God's Masterpiece through music, art, dance, and Bible stories! Priority registration for church members and active attendees is open. Children ages Kindergarten (complete) through 5th grade (complete) are eligible to attend. Advanced registration is required—camp space is limited. Register online at www.FUMCWF.org/BAM. Contact Kim English for more information.

Easter Lily Orders Easter Lilies, given in honor or memory of loved ones, can be ordered through March 21. Lilies are \$15 each. Order forms are available in the church office and online at www.FUMCWF.org/LENT. Please fill out and return the order form with payment to the church office by March 21.

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt All children (through 5th grade) are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Palm Sunday, March 24. Bring your own basket and meet in the Atrium!

Praying Through Holy Week Join Georgia and Charles Harrison for Praying Through Holy Week 2024. This annual lunchtime devotional takes place Monday, March 25—Friday, March 29, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room (110). RSVP online at www.FUMCWF.org/LENT.

Maundy Thursday Join FUMC for Holy Communion and reflection on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday Join us for a special Youth-led worship service on Good Friday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Hygiene Drive Donations of hygiene items for our Dinner and a Movie Night Hygiene Store, such as deodorant, shampoo, body wash, and wet wipes, can be dropped off at the church office or placed in one of the labeled buckets near the entrances to the church throughout March. All donations are appreciated! For up-to-date information about what the Hygiene Store needs, please check out our Amazon Wish List at www.FUMCWF.org/HYGIENE-DRIVE.

Spring Youth Retreat Sign up for the Spring Youth Retreat on Saturday, April 6, is ongoing! Lodging will be at the FUMC First Rock building with lunch and dinner included. Activities include mission work, a trip to Maniac's Mansion, box forts on the Rock back porch, and other surprises. Registration cost is \$20. Register online at www.FUMCWF.org/UPCOMING-EVENTS. Contact Brent Lamberth for more information.