

## *Gathering*

Prelude J. S. Bach  
“Adiogo BWV 564”  
Dr. Ron Hough, *organ*

Welcome Dr. John McLarty

Procession of Graduates Class of 2024

Hymn\* “Lift High the Cross” v. 1, 3, 4 159

***Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.***

- 1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.**
- 3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.**
- 4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

Senior Bible Presentation Jerry Rouse  
Brent Lamberth

Special Music “God Is Our Refuge” Allen Pote  
Chancel Choir

*God is our refuge and strength; A present help in time of trouble  
 Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
 though the water roar and foam, we will not fear.  
 Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.  
 He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.  
 He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us.  
 He is the air, we are his song. We will celebrate his presence  
 all the day long. He is the rain, we are the stones,  
 He will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song.  
 We will celebrate his presence all the day long. We will not fear.*

Congregational Prayer Rev. Georgia Harrison

**God, as we gather in your presence, we are grateful how our lives are shaped by the unexpected ways Jesus meets us. Open our eyes to recognize you in every circumstance and every face we encounter. As we celebrate our graduates today, we pray that you will guide them into the next chapter of their lives. Guide us too, and empower us to be your hands and feet in the world. May your love unite us, your grace sustain us, and your will be done in all things. 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

Scripture Matthew 25:37-40 29

*Pastor:* This is the word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Senior Testimonies

Kelsey Kowing  
Annie Beth Beshear  
Landon Waggoner

Hymn\* "Jesus Is All the World to Me" v. 1, 4 469

1. **Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;  
he is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall.  
When I am sad, to him I go, no other one can cheer me so;  
when I am sad, he makes me glad, he's my friend.**
4. **Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;  
I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end.  
Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end;  
eternal life, eternal joy, he's my friend.**

Senior Testimonies

Steven Marrs  
Jacob Schultz  
Presley Montz

## Response

Affirmation of Faith *of the Confirmation Class of 2018* Ryder Darden

**We believe in God, the eternal creator,  
who guides and protects us.**

**Loving parent to all, God forgives us with grace  
and answers our prayers.**

**God gives us life and reason.**

**We believe in Jesus, the Son of God,  
who was a teacher and healer.**

**He threatened the human powers,  
was crucified and raised from the dead.**

**Jesus, our Savior, loves us  
and helps us to understand who God is.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who helps us  
create the world in God's vision.**

**The Spirit guides us on our path to spiritual perfection  
and comforts us in times of need.**

**The Holy Spirit leads us to peace and is always with us. Amen.**

Act of Praise\* 70

**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.**

Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings

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Mail gifts to FUMC, P.O. Box 2125, Wichita Falls, TX, 76307

Offertory "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Carolyn Jennings  
Chancel Choir

*Climb to the top of the highest mountain, Joyous tidings proclaim to the world,  
Lift up your voice, Shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in his arms.  
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.  
He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea,  
From time eternal, He was Alpha and Omega, He, Behold your Lord!  
He will come in power and glory, He will rule with mercy and truth,  
Hope of all nations, Light of all the world. He will love the little children,  
He will hold them in his arms. Love him and trust him as a child,  
Behold, your Lord comes to you. Trust him as a child.*

Doxology\* 95

**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\* "We've a Story to Tell the Nations" v. 1, 4 569

- 1. We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.  
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great  
kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.**
- 4. We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,  
might come to the truth of God.  
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great  
kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.**

Benediction\*

Postlude "Celebration" James Mansfield  
Dr. Ron Hough, *organ*

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\*The Congregation will please stand.

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## Upcoming at FUMC

**BAMazon Wish List** It's the final week to order from the Children's Ministry's BAMazon Wish List of items for Bible, Arts, and Music (BAM) Camp. Visit [www.FUMCWF.org/BAM](http://www.FUMCWF.org/BAM) to view the list. All donations are appreciated and will help make this year's camp a masterpiece!

**First Wednesday Dinner** Our last First Wednesday Dinner of the school year is on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal is \$5/person or \$20 max/family. Please look for more information coming soon about fellowship opportunities during the Summer.

**Children's Musical** Wednesday, May 1, is the last Music and MORE for the school year! On Sunday, May 5, the children's choirs will perform their annual musical during worship. Come support these young children and their hard work!

**Pentecost Lunch** Mark your calendars for a Fellowship Lunch on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, after worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Youth Lake Trip** The annual Youth Lake Retreat is June 21-23. The cost of the trip is \$40 and includes all meal and transportation costs. Contact Brent Lamberth at [blamberth@fumcwf.org](mailto:blamberth@fumcwf.org) for more information and registration.

**Youth Mission Trip** The annual Youth Mission Trip is July 21-27 to Albuquerque, NM. Students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate and will be working with Mission ABQ. Contact Brent Lamberth at [blamberth@fumcwf.org](mailto:blamberth@fumcwf.org) for more information, registration, or if you're interested in attending as a chaperone.

**Parking Lot Ministry** Are you interested in volunteering for the new Parking Lot ministry? Our golf cart is available before Sunday school from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., before worship from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., and after worship at 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers for any of these time slots. Contact Jessie Smith at [jsmith@fumcwf.org](mailto:jsmith@fumcwf.org) to sign up or for more information.

**Project Transformation (formerly Reading with Friends)** is an eight-week summer literacy program serving children in neighborhoods throughout North Texas. We're looking for college students (open to all majors) to lead in Wichita Falls and volunteers for various summer opportunities. Visit [www.FUMCWF.org/PROJECT-TRANSFORMATION](http://www.FUMCWF.org/PROJECT-TRANSFORMATION) for more information. Students may apply for positions online at [www.PROJECTTRANSFORMATION.org/NORTH-TEXAS](http://www.PROJECTTRANSFORMATION.org/NORTH-TEXAS).