

Gathering

Prelude "All Glory Be to God on High, BWV 664" J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

Welcome Dr. John McLarty

Procession of Graduates Class of 2025
Lauren Carter **Calvin DeBeaux** **Kayden Grimes**
Robert Marrs **Jun Park** **Bella Rose**

Hymn* "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" 304

- 1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**
- 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**
- 3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

Senior Bible Presentation Jerry Rouse; Brent Lamberth

Special Music "You Raise Me Up" arr. Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir

*Be still my soul! the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide; In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary:
When troubles come and my heart burdened be:
Then I am still and wait here in the silence Until You come and sit awhile with me.
You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.
There is no life, no life without its hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly.
But when You come, and I am filled with wonder, Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.
You raise me up to more than I can be.*

Congregational Prayer Rev. Georgia Harrison

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your faithfulness as we journey through this life and celebrate important milestones. We pray especially for this year's graduates and pray you will fill them with courage, wisdom, and deep trust in your abiding presence. We pray for these things for ourselves as well. We are grateful that, no matter where this life leads us, your love goes before us and surrounds us always. May we walk in faith and shine your light into 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* "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 206

- 1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**
- 2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.**
- 3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

Children's Sermon for All Ages Kim English

Scripture Romans 12:1-2 161

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Senior Testimonies Bella Rose; Robert Marrs;
Lauren Carter; Kayden Grimes

Response

Affirmation of Faith of the Confirmation Class of 2019

**We believe in a loving God,
the creator of all things, who makes each of us unique.
Our powerful God protects and forgives us.
God is always with us.**

**We believe in Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man,
who spread God's love by preaching, healing, and working miracles.
He bravely and willingly conquered death for all people
and was raised from the dead so that we too will have eternal life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who guides us toward God's path.
The Spirit comforts and strengthens us.
The Spirit gives us power to do God's work.
Amen.**

**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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Offertory

“Medley for Bells and Flutes”

arr. Lanny Allen

Asbury Ringers; Donna Parks Segal and Jessie Smith, *flute*

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*

“Forward Through the Ages”

555

**1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward.**

***Refrain:* Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**2. Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.**

**3. Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God’s far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal.**

Benediction*

Postlude

“Rondeau from Abdelazer”
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

*The Congregation will please stand.

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Upcoming at FUMC

Project Transformation 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 for more information. Students may apply for positions online at www.PROJECTTRANSFORMATION.org/NORTH-TEXAS.

BAMazon Wishlist We're looking forward to Bible, Arts, and Music (BAM) Camp this summer! The Children's Ministry has created an Amazon Wish List of items for this year's BAM camp, including decorations, craft supplies for camp projects, and more. All donations are appreciated! To view the wish list, visit www.FUMCWF.org/BAM. Please place orders by April 30.

Bible, Arts, and Music (BAM) Camp 2025 registration for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade (complete) is ongoing. Advanced registration is required—camp space is limited. Register online at www.FUMCWF.org/BAM. For more information, contact Kim English at kenglish@fumcwf.org.

Children's Musical Wednesday, April 30, is the last Music and MORE for the school year! On Sunday, May 4, the children's choirs will perform their annual musical during worship. Come support these young children and their hard work!

First Wednesday Dinner Our final First Wednesday Dinner of the school year is on Wednesday, May 7, 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.

Youth Lake Trip The annual Youth Lake Retreat is June 20-22. The cost of the trip is \$40 and includes all meal and transportation costs. Contact Brent Lamberth at blamberth@fumcwf.org for more information and registration.

Youth Mission Trip The annual Youth Mission Trip is July 20-25 to Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock, Arkansas. Students in 6th-12th grade are invited to participate. Contact Brent Lamberth at blamberth@fumcwf.org for more information, registration, or if you're interested in attending as a chaperone.