

Gathering

Prelude

“This is My Father's World”
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

D. R. Johnson (1954-present)

Welcome

Dr. John McLarty

Call to Worship*

Leader: We are the people of God, seeking grace, truth, and transformation.

People: **We come with our struggles, our questions, and our need for healing.**

Leader: We live in a world where temptations sneak around us and the sting of sin strikes deep.

People: **We look to the one who brings mercy and new life.**

All: **Let us worship the God who lifts us up and makes us whole.**

Hymn*

“This Is My Father’s World”

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1. **This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature sings,
and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought of
rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**
2. **This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.**
3. **This is my Father’s world. O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heaven’s ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

Ministry Moment

Special Music

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. The purple headed mountain, The river running by, The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky; The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

Congregational Prayer

Rev. Georgia Harrison

Healing God, you see us in the wildness of our world and the temptations all around us. Forgive us when we choose what is easy instead of what is right, ignoring your voice and your commands in order to go our own way. Thank you for not leaving us in the jungle. Thank you for your offer to heal us. Lift our eyes once again to the cross of Christ, that we may be restored, forgiven, and made new. 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*

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” v. 1, 5, 6

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- 1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 6. Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Children's Sermon for All Ages

Kim English

Scripture

Genesis 3:1-6

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Serpents and Snakes

Dr. John McLarty

Response

Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

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**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.
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.**

**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

“Only God”

Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

Only God can move a mountain; only God can calm the sea. Only God can heal a wounded spirit; only God! Only God can hear my heart's cry; only God my sin atone. Only God can give us calm assurance, only God! God Almighty, most Holy, wise God; You are the power and the glory, O God, our God! Only God can be our refuge; only God can be our strength. Only God will stand as our Defender, only God! Only God is the power; only God in majesty! Only God will reign as King forever, only God!

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*

“Lift High the Cross” v. 1, 3, 4

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***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!**

Benediction*

Postlude

“Toccata”

Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)

Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

*The Congregation will please stand.

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Upcoming at FUMC

Office Closure The church office will be closed on Thursday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth. Regularly scheduled office hours resume on Friday, June 20.

Project Transformation (formerly Reading with Friends) is an eight-week summer literacy program serving children in neighborhoods throughout North Texas. Volunteers are needed throughout the summer to read one-on-one with students Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Sign up online at www.FUMCWF.org/PROJECT-TRANSFORMATION. Contact Georgia Harrison at gharrison@fumcwf.org for more information.

Ladies Lunch Bunch meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at Jason's Deli. Women of all ages are invited to lunch on Wednesday, June 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Project Transformation Family Fun Night FUMC is hosting a Family Fun Night for our Project Transformation families twice this summer! The first Family Fun Night will be on June 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We need volunteers to help greet families, run games, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Georgia Harrison at gharrison@fumcwf.org or the church office to sign up or for more information.

Open Table Get together with FUMC downtown this summer! All adults and families are welcome to join FUMC at the Wichita Falls Brewing Co. for a fellowship gathering on first Tuesdays through August. Join us on July 1 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. First Wednesday Dinners at the church will resume in September!

Blood Drive FUMC is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a community blood drive on Monday, July 14 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter code *WichitaFalls* to schedule an appointment to donate!

Children's Day of Mission and Service Children 3rd through 5th grade (complete) are invited to register for our Children's Day of Service on July 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. BYOLunch. Children will serve at the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank and complete a service project at the church. Advanced registration is required—camp space is limited. Register online at www.FUMCWF.org/UPCOMING-EVENTS. For more information, contact Kim English at kenglish@fumcwf.org