

McFARLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
AN ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 14, 2023 11:00 AM

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| WELCOME              |                                    |         |
| PRELUDE              |                                    |         |
| CALL TO WORSHIP      |                                    |         |
| *HYMN                | FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH        | UMH 92  |
| FIRST LESSON         | ACTS 17:22-31                      |         |
| PSALTER              | PSALM 66:8-20                      | UMH 790 |
| GOSPEL LESSON        | JOHN 14:15-21                      |         |
| CHOIR                | FIND US FAITHFUL<br>BY JOHN MOHR   |         |
| THIRD LESSON         | 1 PETER 3:13-22.                   |         |
| SERMON               | ALWAYS BE READY<br>REV. WAYNE COOK |         |
| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | THE APOSTLES CREED                 | UMH 881 |
| *GLORIA PATRI        |                                    | UMH 70  |
| *HYMN                | BE STILL MY SOUL                   | UMH 534 |
| PASTORAL PRAYER      |                                    |         |
| LORD’S PRAYER        |                                    | UMH 895 |
| *HYMN                | THE GIFT OF LOVE                   | UMH 408 |

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE TO DO SO.

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Please note that offerings may be left in the offering box located on the table in the Narthex. You may also give online by visiting <https://bit.ly/3jwI6Dy>. Thank you for your support of the missions and ministry of McFarland United Methodist Church.

The Adult Sunday School is transitioning to a Mid-Week Bible/Book Study that meets in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. This change is effective beginning this Wednesday, May 17. Everyone is invited to participate. If you have any questions, please ask Marvin Mills or Vicki Riddle.

The Prime Timers will meet Tuesday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Lamar and Mary Agnes Fine will be the guest speakers.

Each year for Annual Conference, we collect a hands-on mission project, money for a special conference-wide mission offering, and money for Change for Children. Those collections are taking place now through May 28. The Hands-On Mission project is Home Buckets for the Ishe Anesu Project in Zimbabwe. Once again, we are buying items in bulk for the buckets. Each bucket costs \$30. Our goal is to provide 24 buckets this year. Please mark your checks with “bucket” in the memo line. Our Annual Conference Mission Offering is also for Ishe Anesu to pay for school fees for the children. Please mark your offering as “AC Mission.” Finally, our Change for Children offering supports children’s ministry grants across the conference. Please mark your check/offering envelope as “Change for Children.”

It is now about a month away from the beginning of residential camp at Camp Lookout for rising 1<sup>st</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The theme this year is **Multiplying Mercies** based on Matthew 18:21-22. For information and to register, visit [www.camplookout.com](http://www.camplookout.com).

On this **Mother’s Day**, we salute all those who have fulfilled the role of Mothers within our congregation. Thanks be to God for you.

### Information and Opportunities to Serve

Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 AM  
Mid-Week (Wednesday) Bible/Book Study..... 10:00 AM  
Choir Practice, Wednesday..... 6:00 PM

If you are visiting with us today, welcome. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us. There are visitor registration cards in the lobby that you can fill out so that we may have a record of your visit. If you need assistance or if you have a question, please feel free to ask an usher or your neighbor.

### Announcements

The **Common Grounds Free Store** is a primary ministry of McFarland UMC – we thank all of our volunteers for your hard work. The next Free Store will be **Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.** We need volunteers to both prepare for and staff the Free Store. If you can help, please see Ann Russell or Vicki Riddle. Please pray for God’s guidance in how you can help this vital ministry to our community.

Thank you for your patience while Darlene continues to deal with surgery and recovery. For the time being, office hours will be by appointment. Please call the church office or Pastor Wayne’s cell phone at 423-304-1071 to schedule an appointment.

We welcome **volunteers** to help with ushering, sound, and visuals during worship. If you are interested in helping, please see Don Butcher, Ben Leonard, or Pastor Wayne.



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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.



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