

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MCFARLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

July 31, 2022 † Sunday Worship

**Indicates please rise, in body or spirit.*

OPENING WORDS OF WELCOME

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! McFarland UCC is Open and Affirming to people of all ages, races, physical and mental abilities, economic positions, religious backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities. We celebrate and share God's unconditional love by offering the opportunity for membership, fellowship and leadership to everyone.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Great is Your Faithfulness" #423 NCH

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is your faithfulness!

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**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.[Refrain]

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

TIME FOR PRAYER & THE PRAYER OF JESUS

(traditional & Aramaic Version)

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all Creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost*

SPECIAL ORIGINAL MUSIC

"Lullaby For My Friends"
by Jessie Ferraro

A RESPONSIVE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST READING

(submitted by Patrick Fernan)

A MESSAGE THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND SPOKEN WORD

CLOSING SONG

"Help Us Accept Each Other" #386 NCH

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us, and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

God, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit; God! Free us, make us one!