

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MCFARLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

November 21, 2021 ☩ Sunday Morning 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**

"Guide My Feet" #497 NCH

*Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*Hold my hand while I run this race. Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*Stand by me while I run this race. Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.*

***UNISON PRAYER: An Invocation of Metta/Compassion (Buddhism)**

As we are gathered here today in friendship and community, taking a moment out of our busy lives - to learn, share and reflect on the insights, experiences and wisdom of others - we are reminded of how blessed we all are. In the current world around us there are many who suffer and face grave challenges. We stand in solidarity with them in compassion and by practicing loving kindness to ourselves and all those around us.

Let us pray the following in the name of all that is good.

May we all be well, happy and peaceful,
May no harm come to us,

May we all also have patience, courage, understanding, and determination to meet and overcome inevitable difficulties, problems, and failures in life.

May our parents, our teachers and mentors, our friends and may all living beings across the world...be well, happy and peaceful,

May no harm come to them,

May they also have patience, courage, understanding, and determination to meet and overcome inevitable difficulties, problems, and failures in life.

- *Thilini Ariyachandra*

A TIME FOR PRAYER & THE PRAYER OF JESUS

OFFERTORY AND 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*

SCRIPTURE and MESSAGE

***PRAYER RESPONSE**

Holy One, may we see what we can do individually and collectively to love others and make a difference. Show us where you'd like us to go, what you'd like us to do and whom we are to do it with. One act of love and kindness has the potential to change a life. Help us to boldly offer the sweet inclusiveness of extravagant love and may kindness, compassion and mercy follow. Help it to spread far and wide. Amen

***CLOSING SONG**

"O for a World" #575 NCH

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways.
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved.
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle
with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*