

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MCFARLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!**

October 16, 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**

*"Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good" #6 NCH*

*Sing praise to God, our highest good,  
profound respect expressing.*

*God give us health, life, livelihood,  
with every needed blessing.*

*To God, who wondrous works performs,  
creating life and calming storms,  
to God give praise and glory!*

*Creation thanks you, Holy One:  
you made us and renew us.*

*Delighted at what you have done,  
you show your greatness through us.*

*So may all living things proclaim  
the wonders of their Maker's name:  
to God give praise and glory!*

*What God has made, God will preserve,  
with righteousness unfailing.*

*Regardless what we may deserve,  
we see this good prevailing.*

*To God who governs evermore  
with justice serving rich and poor,  
to God give praise and glory!*

*I cry to God, in pain and grief,  
"Please, God of mercy, hear me!"  
My certain help provides relief,  
faith, hope, and love to cheer me.  
So let me sing, joyful and free:  
ah, thankful Christians, sing with me:  
to God give praise and glory!*

*Forever with us, God is here,  
Nor ever will desert us.  
So dearly loved, we shall not fear;  
there's nothing that can hurt us.  
We place our trust in God's command,  
who leads us with a mother's hand:  
to God give praise and glory!*

*Dear Christian friends, we bear the name  
of Christ, our sure salvation.  
Let us recall Christ Jesus came,  
most holy incarnation,  
Came from the one God we adore,  
came with new life forevermore:  
to God give praise and glory!*

## **THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS & A COMPLEMENTARY PRAYER**

### **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

### **TIME OF PRAYER**

Silence

The Prayer of Jesus

### **SONG**

*"I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love"*

By Christopher Grundy (Video)

## 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*

## A MESSAGE THROUGH SCRIPTURE & SPOKEN WORD

Genesis 2:15-17; 25  
Genesis 3:1-13, 20-21

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## CLOSING SONG

*"Be Now My Vision" #451 NCH*

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart;  
Nothing surpasses the love you impart—  
You my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.*

*Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;  
Ever within me, my soul is assured;  
Mother and Father, you are both to me,  
Now and forever your child I will be*

*Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,  
You, my inheritance, now and always;  
You and you only are first in my heart,  
Great God, my treasure, may we never part.*

*Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*