

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MCFARLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

October 2, 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**

"O God Our Help In Ages Past" #25 NCH

*Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
fades at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while troubles last,
and our eternal home!*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & THE BIRTHDAY SONG

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

TIME OF PRAYER & THE PRAYER OF JESUS

CELEBRATION OF OUR CHURCH'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Charter Members Still Among Us:

John Reed	Cindy Wendorf
Jim Martin	Jean Blackmore
Lorry Martin	Denny Blackmore
Bonnie Thomas	

Some Words From John Reed

Reflections From Our Church Community

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

John 15:1-13

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CLOSING SONG

"The Church's One Foundation" #386 NCH

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are Christ's new creation by water and the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.*

*○ happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*