

Gathering

Prelude Cesar Franck
“Choral No. 1 (excerpt)”
 Dr. Ron Hough, *organ*

Welcome Dr. John McLarty

Call to Worship* Rev. Georgia Harrison

Leader: We gather to worship the Lord; to honor God with our lives and seek God's guidance in all we do.

People: **May our lives reflect the heart of Jesus.**

Leader: We gather as faithful witnesses who seek God's Kingdom and righteousness.

People: **Let us worship the Lord who reigns in all and over all!**

Hymn* 57
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” v. 1- 4, 7

1. **O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**
2. **My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**
3. **Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life, and health, and peace.**
4. **He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.**
7. **In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.**

Ministry Moment

Special Music Jan Sanborn
“We Walk By Faith” (2 Corinthians 5:7-9)
 Chancel Choir; Rachel Kapelski, *piano*

*We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
 For in our darkness He is light, We walk by faith and not by sight.
 Sometimes trials come our way. We don't know what to do or say.
 But we know God will make a way if we will trust, trust and obey.
 We trust in God and in His Son. What God has promised will be done.
 And as each journey is begun His Holy Spirit makes us one.
 We may not fully understand, but we are guided by His hand.
 And as we follow faith's command, God leads us to the promised land.
 We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
 For in our darkness He is light, We walk by faith and not by sight.*

Congregational Prayer Brent Lamberth

Gracious God, you have called your disciples to be salt and light in our world, reflecting your love and truth in all we do. Help us live as faithful citizens, honoring those who lead and seeking the good for all in our communities. Fill us with your Spirit so that our words and actions bring peace, kindness, and hope to those around us. May our lives always point others to you, our one true king and savior. Amen.

Call to Prayer and Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Proclamation

Hymn*

“O God of Every Nation” v. 1, 3, 4

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- 1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.**
- 3. Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.**
- 4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

Children's Sermon for All Ages

Rev. Georgia Harrison

Scripture

Titus 3:1-2

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

***Your Citizenship and
Your Faith are Connected***

Dr. John McLarty

Response

Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Act of Praise*

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

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Offertory

“Give Me Jesus”

Spiritual arr. Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

Rachel Kapelski, *piano*; Jonah Seigler, *saxophone*
*In the morning when I rise give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus.
And when I feel afraid, give me Jesus.
And when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.*

Doxology*

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sending Forth

Invitation to Christian Discipleship*

Hymn*

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” v. 1, 2, 4, 6

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- 1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.**
- 2. With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.**
- 4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.**
- 6. Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.**

Benediction*

Postlude

“Rigaudon”
Dr. Ron Hough, *organ*

Andre Campra

*The Congregation will please stand.

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Upcoming at FUMC

Office Closure The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. day. Regularly scheduled office hours resume on Tuesday, January 21.

Instant Church Directory is FUMC's new online church directory accessible on your computer or mobile device. Learn more and get started by visiting www.fumcwf.org/instant-church-directory.

Ladies Lunch Bunch is the fourth Thursday of every month. Women of all ages are invited to fellowship at Ladies Lunch Bunch on January 23 at 11:30 a.m. at Jason's Deli.

Laity Covenant Day A special online gathering for all laity in the Horizon Texas Conference will take place on Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Heshia Abrams will present on the topic of conflict, using her book *Holding the Calm: The Secret to Resolving Conflict and Defusing Tension*. Register online at <https://www.htcumc.org/events/laity-covenant-day>.

Crockpot Cookoff Get out your best recipes for the 2025 Crockpot Cookoff on January 26! Any person or group may bring a dish to compete for Best Dish, Best Dessert, Best Decorated Table, and other honors to raise money for 2025 Missions projects! The cost of this event is \$5/person or \$20 max/family, plus \$\$\$ to vote for your favorites! Cash, check, and online donations can be made the day of the event. Contact Georgia Harrison at gharrison@fumcwf.org for more information.

Soup Drive The annual "Souperbowl" Sunday Soup Drive begins on January 26! Collection bags will be available to pick up at the Crockpot Cookoff, Sundays after worship, and in the church office. Fill each bag with cans of soup and return them to the church office or to the collection bins at the church entrances by February 9. All donations are appreciated and will go to our friends at Interfaith Outreach!

School for Little People Dine to Donate Join SLP on at Jason's Deli all day on January 28. Jason's Deli will donate a percentage of the day's proceeds to support School For Little School (remember to mention SLP when ordering)!

Juarez Mission Trip Join us on a mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, March 11-15 (Tuesday-Saturday). All ages are welcome (students under 16 must have parental participation). The cost is \$250 per person. Interested in going? Contact trip leaders Brent Lamberth at blamberth@fumcwf.org or Georgia Harrison at gharrison@fumcwf.org for more information!