

Gathering

Prelude “Cortege and Litanie” Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

Introit “Halle, Halle, Halle” arr. John Bell & Graham Maule
FUMC Combined Choirs; Cassie Coons and Austin Taack, *soloists*
Matt English, *percussion*

Welcome Dr. John McLarty

Call to Worship*

Leader: Let us gather to worship as one body, united in Christ.

People: **Let us come together with humility, gentleness, patience, and love.**

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we are called to one hope.

People: **We worship as one- one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.**

Leader: May we make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

People: **Let us worship the God who calls us to unity!**

Hymn* “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” 158

1. **Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!**
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
2. **Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!**
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
3. **Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!**
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

Special Music “Living in the Light” Ruth Elaine Schram
FUMC Combined Choirs

Ministry Moment

Congregational Prayer Rev. Georgia Harrison

Gracious God, we come before you as one body, united in faith and love. Help us to walk in humility, gentleness, patience, and love, seeking peace and understanding with one another. Teach us to celebrate the diversity in what you have created, while we remain grounded in the shared hope of Christ. May your Spirit guide us to build a church that reflects your glory and grace to the world. 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*	“Jesus, United by Thy Grace” v. 1, 2, 6	561
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jesus, united by thy grace and each to each endeared, with confidence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.2. Help us to help each other, Lord, each other’s cross to bear; let all their friendly aid afford, and feel each other’s care.6. This is the bond of perfectness, thy spotless charity; O let us, still we pray, possess the mind that was in thee.	
Children’s Sermon for All Ages		Kim English
Scripture	Ephesians 4:1-6	193
<i>Pastor:</i>	This is the word of the Lord.	
<i>People:</i>	Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	<i>Unity is Crucial in the Body of Christ</i>	Dr. John McLarty

Response

Affirmation of Faith*	The Apostles’ Creed	881
	<p>I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Act of Praise*		70
	<p>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.</p>	
Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings	<p><i>To give by phone text a dollar amount to (940) 241-9831. To give online visit www.fumcwf.org/donate Mail gifts to FUMC, P.O. Box 2125, Wichita Falls, TX, 76307</i></p>	
Offertory	“Draw the Circle” Chancel Choir and Chapel Youth Choir	Bryan Jeffrey Leech

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*

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

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1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

Benediction*

Postlude

“Toccata in Seven”
Dr. Katie Meloan, *organ*

John Rutter (born 1945)

*The Congregation will please stand.

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Upcoming at FUMC

Crockpot Cookoff Following worship today, January 26, join us for this year's Crockpot Cookoff in Fellowship Hall! Sunday School Classes and other fellowship groups have teamed up to present their best crockpot dishes to compete and raise money for 2025 Missions projects! The cost of this event is \$5/person or \$20 max/family for entry. Cash, check, and online donations can be made to vote for your favorites.

Soup Drive The annual "Souperbowl" Sunday Soup Drive begins today! Collection bags are 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 "Souperbowl" Sunday, February 9. All donations are appreciated and will go to our friends at Interfaith Outreach!

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. If you have additional questions or need help setting up your family in the directory, please contact the church office.

School for Little People Dine to Donate Join SLP on at Jason's Deli all day on January 28. Jason's Deli will donate 25% of the day's proceeds to support School for Little People (remember to mention SLP when ordering)!

Confirmation Sunday Join FUMC as we celebrate this year's Confirmands in worship on Sunday, February 2.

First Wednesday Dinner is the first Wednesday of every month. Join us for dinner on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal is \$5/person or \$20 max/family.

School for Little People 2025-2026 Enrollment School for Little People enrollment for the 2025-2026 year for church members and returning families begins February 18, at 7:15 a.m. Open Enrollment begins February 25 at 5:30 p.m. Contact our School for Little People Director, Kathy Jackson, at kjackson@slpwf.com or the School for Little People office for more information.

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!