

3. Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

*Scripture *Luke 12: 1-7* Sarah Joy Espinoza-Evans

Message *Juice to Wine: Fermentation* Reverend Burke Owens

*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH 62 v. 1-2, 4-5

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Thou brother sun with golden beam,
thou sister moon with silver gleam,
O praise ye, O praise ye!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. O brother wind, air, clouds and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of ev'ning, find a voice,
O praise ye, O praise ye!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day,
unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show!
O praise ye, O praise ye!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O praise Him, O praise Him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

Alleluia

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King* John Longhurst (b. 1940)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
our wonderful FUMC staff by Linda Grossman.

**Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*

Senior Pastor: Burke Owens
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Gerardo Garcia Palacios
Director of Music: Mark Shaull
Organist: Diane Keller
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



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Prelude *Merry Suite in C major (Ouverture)* G.P. Telemann (1681-1767)

Fiume di Musica

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Life of the Community Jill Kispert

Stewardship Moment Julianne Stafford

Call to Worship Jill Kispert

When the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, God provided manna and quail.

God provides in unexpected ways.

Jesus tells a story of vineyard workers, some who work all day and some who work mere hours, yet the generous landowner paid all of them equally.

God provides in unexpected ways.

God does provide in unexpected ways, yet manna, quail, and grapes need gathering and harvesting.

We respond to God's provision by gathering and harvesting all that God provides.

Come! Now is the time to worship!

We come to worship and partner with God who provides for the long haul!

*Hymn *Come, Christians Join to Sing* United Methodist Hymnal 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!

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!

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!

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Prayers of the People Reverend Burke Owens

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, for these gifts,
we give you thanks!

Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Burke Owens

*Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *The Call* Z. Randall Stroope

Invitation to the Offering Jill Kispert

Offertory Prayer Jill Kispert

God of endless patience, we know that the sound of our complaining is not the music that pleases your ears. We complain about the food that is under or overcooked, and you hear the stomachs that have no food. We whine about the bed being too soft, and you see instead those whose bed is the sidewalk or the floor of a cell. May the offering we bring today be an act of praise that drowns out the noise of our complaining. May it find its way to bring comfort to your children who have little or nothing; and when that happens, may it be joy for your eyes and ears. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *Trio in G Minor* Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)

*Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* FWS 2146

1. Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

2. "Let not your heart be troubled,"
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
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