

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Prelude John Gibson

“This is the Day” Choir

Welcome & Ringing of the Bell Keith Joesel

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: and also with you!

*Call to Worship

ALL: Here we have gathered as God’s people, inspired by the Spirit ... to witness more effectively, to listen more deeply, to speak more truthfully, to live more peacefully, to love more energetically, to teach more eloquently, to pray more seriously, to worship more enthusiastically, to celebrate more joyfully, to sing more faithfully, to give more generously, to serve more compassionately.

Recognition of Special Guests

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn “How Great Thou Art” UMH #77

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #883

*Gloria Patri

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.

Prayer of Confession

ALL: We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you. Most of all, we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome. Forgive us, loving God. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you, and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways and listen to your promise each and every day.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choir Special “It is Well with my Soul”

*Doxology UMH #95

Scripture Reading Mark 8:27-38

LEADER: The Word of God for the People if God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Hymn “Sweet Hour of Prayer” UMH #496

Sermon “Who do you say I am?” Pastor Michael Bell

*Closing Hymn “Amazing Grace” UMH #378

*Benediction Pastor Michael Bell

*Postlude John Gibson

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER :

At Elgin First UMC we believe in the power of prayer. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate. For confidential prayer requests, cards can be folded and handed directly to Pastor Bell before or after the service.

Announcements

- **Lunch after the service today. All are welcome!**
- **Celebration Service at 2 p.m. 150 years!**
- No young adult small group today.
- Wednesdays at 11 a.m. **Prayer and Bible study.**
- Join our Friday newsletter for upcoming events and breaking news. To join the newsletter, email the church at fumcelgintx@gmail.com

NEW SUNDAY LINE-UP:

Godly Play @ 10 a.m.

Adult Sunday School & Coffee Hour @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

Young Adult Small Group @ 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

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our story
is just beginning!**



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Our next 150 starts today!