About the Anthem:

This piece is a modern adaptation of Psalm 8 by Mary Ann Butler, the wife of famous sacred composer Eugene Butler. Mary Ann was a social worker and therapist for over forty years. After college at the University of Oklahoma, she earned her master's degree in social work at Columbia University. She then returned to her native Oklahoma where she avidly supported her husband's career as a music professor, director, and composer. Mrs. Butler loved traveling, particularly to opera performances and museums. Mary Ann was a singer at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church in Mission, Kansas; she loved needlework, sewing, and painting in addition to her creative writing endeavors. Composer Eugene Butler was also a native of Oklahoma, attending the University of Oklahoma before heading to New York for the Master of Sacred Music degree at Columbia. He went on to complete a Doctor of Musical Arts in composition at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He published over a thousand pieces of music with forty-six different publishing houses. Dr. Butler's music has been performed worldwide and translated into many languages. He was a very dedicated college professor for twentyfive years, concurrent with thirty-eight years as a church music and community chorus director. During his retirement, Eugene joined his wife in the choir at St. Michael & All Angels. Both Mary Ann and Eugene were only children. The college sweethearts were married for sixty-nine years (1955-2024) and passed away just nineteen days apart. They shared an immense passion for sacred choral music as well as visual art. They collaborated often, with very inventive and artistic results. I really enjoy the neo-Romantic elements of Dr. Butler's composition alongside Mrs. Butler's creative lyrics. Their works also have a very fresh, twentiethcentury perspective. They fit in well with my 'familiar yet fresh' church music philosophy.

"When I Think About the Heavens"

Text: Psalm 8 | Lyricist: Mary Ann Butler (1935-2024)

Composer: Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

Refrain: When I think about the heavens,

the vast expanses of the sky,

I understand why God protects us, there's a reason, here is why.

There are so many different faces in the starry firmament we view

There are so many different faces in the starry firmament we view,
What unending mystery places far in space that seem so new!
So, the marvel of the universe if proof of God's mercy,

The sun, moon and stars all tell us of the tiny part planned for me. (*Refrain Repeats*)

Think of the sky's many colors from dawn until the sun goes down,

Of all the wide formations of cloudy shapes around.

These are the skies that I think about,
too vast for one to understand,
How marvelously God planned the heavens,
and still found a plan for me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad

Tuesday June 17th Ladies Dinner 5:30pm

Wednesday June 18th Youth 6:00pm Thursday June 19th Choir 4:30pm

Saturday June 21st Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship Jackson Weller
Music Director Ashley Stanley-Robey

Sound Eddie Blount
Video Alex Walthall
Liturgist Brenna Takata
Greeter Sam Meadema
Side door/Offering Kent Shelton

We will collect the Sunnyside offering this morning and next Sunday. This offering goes to the Sunnyside Communities Fellowship Fund. This fund provides assistance to those who have outlived their life's savings. Thank you for your support to our seniors in need. Please make your check out to FPC and mark your check Sunnyside in the memo or use the envelopes in the window sill.

List of Session members

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema, Eddie Blount, Jackie Rochford Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer, Ava Barrett Class of 2027: Barbara Wilkins, Joan Reynolds, Pat Pinckney, Kent Shelton Trustees: Bob Newnam(27), Ray Beale(26), Gary Wimer(25)

BUDGET UPDATE

	May 1-31	FY 2025
Contributions	\$17,060.26	\$174,921.59
Expenditures	\$35,967.35	\$170,785.88
Difference	(-\$18,907.09)	\$ 4,135.71

If you enter the hospital, your church will have no way of knowing unless you notify us. Please let us know of your hospital stay so that we may respond with pastoral care.

A Warm Welcome

We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do so by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

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Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad to them.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "Creator of the Stars of Night"

Latin Text/Sarum plainsong | Translator – J.M. Neale, Harmony — Alfred V. Fedak

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

People: Heaven and earth are full of the glory of God!

INVOCATION

God our Potter, God who becomes clay, God who shapes us in the fire, we are made new in your presence. We come seeking your wisdom, crying out our concerns, needing your peace. Use this time to form us as community, connected through your breath, life, and hope that propels us as your body in The world. Amen.

*HYMN#15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yours is a perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and whole. We confess that our relationships are not that way. We have been too selfish; we have given too much; we have accepted too little. We have failed to love in the manner of Jesus. We have let sin drive us away from one another and from you. We long for wholeness and peace, but our sin pulls us in other directions. Forgive us and restore us. Pull us to you. With mercy and grace, pull us to you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God relentlessly seeks us out. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you. Leader:** Let us, the children of God, stand and greet those around us with a handshake, hug, or reconciling words, sharing God's blessings and then remain standing for the "Gloria Patri."

*RESPONSE

"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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

OFFERTORY "For the Beauty of the Earth"

C. Kocher & W.H. Monk/Setting by C. Callahan

*DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "When I Think About the Heavens"

Mary Ann Butler/Eugene Butler | Kayla Stork, flute

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (386/403) Psalm 8 (798/839) Romans 5:1-5 (765/804) John 16:12-15

SERMON "Glimpsing the Glory" Jackson Weller

*HYMN# 11 "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism: Questions 8-11

8. Are there more gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.

9. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties.

10. What are the personal properties of the three persons in the Godhead?

It is proper to the Father to beget the Son, and to the Son to be begotten of the Father, and to the Holy Ghost to proceed from the Father and the Son from all eternity.

11. How doth it appear that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father?

The scriptures manifest that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father, ascribing unto them such name, titles, attributes, works, and worship, as are proper to God only.

POSTLUDE "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Trad. Spiritual/arr. Mark Hayes

BENEDICTION

*Please stand if able.