



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, August 2, 2020
Fayetteville First UMC

Please enter in a spirit of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Martin and **People**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,
leads me beside still waters, restores my life,
leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Dr. Martin and **People**

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.

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***INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

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Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

ANTHEM

Sing Praises!

Larry Shackley

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

For He is the King of all the earth; come bring Him a psalm of praise.

Rulers of nations and all of God's people, come lift up His name with a song!

O clap your hands, all you people.

Shout unto God with a voice of triumph. How awesome is the Lord most high.

All of the nations are gathered together; for all of the earth belongs to the Lord.

Clap your hands to the Lord!

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 14:13-21

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¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

... And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

COMMUNION

*You are invited to contribute to the benevolence fund as you exit to assist those in need.
Please take communion at your seat and dispose of element containers as you exit the sanctuary.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN

Come Away with Me

RECREATION

*Come away with me to a quiet place, apart from the world with its frantic pace,
to pray, reflect, and seek God's grace. Come away with me. Come away.
Come and pray with me on a gentle sea, on top of a hill in the Galilee,
in gardens like Gethsemane. Come away with me. Come away.
Come today with thoughts of the countless ways that God's steadfast love blesses all our days,
and join with me in silent praise. Come away with me. Come away.
Come away with me to a quiet place, to God's loving arms waiting to embrace
all those who come in hope of grace. Come away with me. Come away.*

*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

Andreas Armsdorf

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Jackie Amos
Billy Arnold
Van Askew
Carolyn Broady
Ken Broady
Bill Bowman

Annelle Burch
Joe Byers
Quentin Cash
Richard Clayton
Howard Dunham
Sally Dunham

Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Margie McClendon
Lurlene Perry

Sue Sheddan
Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

In Memoriam
Majorie Nix
July 25, 2020

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Matt and Kelly Coldiron and family upon the death of Matt's grandmother, Bonnie Coldiron, on July 23.
The family of Marjorie Nix upon her death on July 25.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of

Alexander Lee Polito born on June 3 to parents Dr. Lauren Lee Polito and Dr. Yoann Polito and grandparents Dr. Dave Lee and Cheryl Lee.



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