



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 14, 2021**

**GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*What Wondrous Love Is This?*  
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

arr. Mark Hayes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

John Hart

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 107:19-22*

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;  
**He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.**  
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.  
**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

**\*HYMN**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

CWM RHONDDA

*For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
That redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,  
fear will die and hope increase.*



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*All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
in our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,  
may we hallow life's brief span.*

*You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,  
earth its destiny may find.*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Lawrence 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.** *\*universal UMH 881*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

MEINEKE

**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.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:*

*“The peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Lawrence

**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.**

**ANTHEM**

*Worthy of the Lord*

Mary McDonald

*Worthy, worthy, worthy of the Lord to receive His glory,  
To receive His power, to receive His goodness and His grace.*

*Teach me, Lord, to know Thy will. Be thou ever present still.  
Though the darkness veil the night, guide us as the saints of light!  
Always, Lord with Thee abide, ever safely at Thy side.  
By Thy wisdom and Thy might guide with everlasting light!*

*Worthy of the Lord to be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Always to receive your power. And by God's amazing grace,  
We shall see Him face to face by the power of His glory!  
We are worthy, worthy of the Lord.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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**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.**

**\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Numbers 21:4-9*

Dr. Martin

*<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Covenant Healing*

Dr. Martin

**\*RESPONSE**

*Wesley Covenant Prayer  
A Modern Translation*

Dr. Martin and **People**

**I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,  
praised for you or criticized for you.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.  
And now, O wonderful and holy God,  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it also be made in heaven. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*God Hath Spoken By the Prophets*

EBENEZER

*God hath spoken by the prophets, spoken the unchanging Word,  
each from age to age proclaiming, God the One, the righteous Lord!  
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holdeth fast;  
God eternal reigns forever, God the first, and God the last.*

*God hath spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son;  
brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;  
spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.*

*God yet speaketh by the Spirit, speaketh to our hearts again;  
in the age-long Word expounding God's own message, now as then.  
Thru the rise and fall of nations, one sure faith yet standing fast,  
God abides, the Word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude in G Major*

G.F. Handel

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

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11:00  
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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Marlene Amos  
Van Askew  
Annelle Burch  
Joe Byers  
Richard Clayton

Anne Free  
Margaret Grainger  
Martha Hale  
Cindy Jennings  
Doris Kerlin

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