



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021

GREETING

Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

KINGSFOLD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 51:1-3, 10 (CEB)

Dr. Martin and **People**

Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

**Wash me completely clean of my guilt;
purify me from my sin!**

Because I know my wrongdoings,
my sin is always right in front of me.

**Create a clean heart for me, God;
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!**

***HYMN**

Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

*Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.*

*Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.*



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*The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.*

*Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada* Dr. Martin and **People**

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

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***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

Dr. Martin

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

Agnus Dei

John Leavitt

Christy Shockley, guest pianist

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis. Amen.*

*(Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world
Grant us thy peace. Amen)*

***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**

Dr. Martin 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**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (CEB)

Rev. Lawrence

³¹ The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. ³² It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the Lord!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Covenant Care

Rev. Lawrence

***RESPONSE**

*Wesley Covenant Prayer
A Modern Translation*

Rev. Lawrence 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**

Near to the Heart of God

MCAFEE

*There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God;
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.*

Refrain

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.*

***BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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(Outdoor Easter Sunrise Service at
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Please remember in your prayers:

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Van Askew
Annelle Burch
Joe Byers
Richard Clayton

Anne Free
Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
Ada Hewell
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Sara Morgan
Jake Murphy
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