



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Aria
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

Flor Peeters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O For a Heart to Praise My God

Charles Wesley, Thomas Haweis

***HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed; for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.*

*“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”*

***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.



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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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

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

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott Pierpont, Craig Curry

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night.
Hill and vale and tree and flower; sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For Thyself, best Gift Divine, to our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

**Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word.
Silence in us any voice but your own; that hearing we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Exodus 20:1-17

Rev. Lawrence

Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord

blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Covenant Commands

Dr. Martin

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

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,
God 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 God,
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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Lawrence and People

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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

*Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.*

*With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.*

*Let strife among us be unknown, yet all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.*

*Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.*

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Martin

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "St. Thomas"

Jason Payne

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

*Please exit by the chancel only.
Place bulletin in recycling bin or take it with you.
Offerings will be received by the chancel as you exit.*

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

Sara Morgan
Jake Murphy
Lurlene Perry
Claudia Rhodes
Jon Wade

Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Mike, Tricia, and Todd Perry upon the death of Tricia's father and Todd's grandfather, Norman Todd, on February 28.



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