



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 25, 2021**

**GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*We Now Implore the Holy Ghost*  
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

Dietrich Buxtehude

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 23 King James Version*

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

**for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

**thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**\*HYMN**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,*

*God in three persons, blessed trinity!*



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*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Modern Affirmation*

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the  
ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual  
remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our  
blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.** *UMH 885*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

arr. Rick Massengale

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and glo - ry be to the Son and glo - ry be to the

6 Ho - ly Ghost; Sing Glo - ri - a sing Glo - ri - a! As it was in the be - gin - ing is now, and e - ver

12 shall be, world with-out end \_\_\_\_\_ A - men \_\_\_\_\_ A - men, A - men. A - men.

**\*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.**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Grace*

arr. Mark Hayes

Christy Shockley, guest pianist

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come;  
This grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home, I shall go home.  
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the glorious sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.*

**\*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**

*Acts 4:5-12*

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Becoming Like Christ: Acceptance*

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN**

*Be Thou My Vision*

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*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Marlene Amos	Anne Free	Cindy Jennings	Claudia Rhodes
Van Askew	Margaret Grainger	Doris Kerlin	Nancy Riccardi
Annelle Burch	Martha Hale	David McDuffie	Sue Sheddan
Joe Byers	Ada Hewell	Jake Murphy	Mabel Wilbanks
Richard Clayton	Tangie Hubbard	Lurlene Perry	Brad Wilkinson

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Allen and Julie Harp and family upon the death of Allen's father and Don, Harry and Sarah Nell's grandfather, The Rev. Donald Harp, on April 20.

**The flowers today are presented to the glory of God**

and in honor of Rick Massengale by Sam and Susan Burch.



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