



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Fayetteville First UMC

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

### GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

### MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Festivial Piece on NICAEA*  
Mr. Justin Maxey, guest organist

arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Christ Is Alive*

TRURO

### \*HYMN

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down:  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till on heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

### INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

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.  
So now, let us rise in body or spirit and confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.



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*\*Let us pray together:*

**Gracious God, have mercy on us.**

**We confess thick tongues and awkward lives; we are slow to sing your praise.**

**Yet, we plead, Lord, in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, those things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people.**

**Glory to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:*

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

**UMW BABY RECOGNITION**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Tom Fettke

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers,  
the moon and stars suspended in space,  
what is man that You are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor  
and have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation:  
the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But what is man that You are mindful of him?  
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name  
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,  
and so would we. Alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia!*

**\*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**

*Acts 8:26-40*

Rev. Lawrence

**May God bless the hearing of this scripture.  
Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Becoming Like Christ: Telling*

Dr. Martin

## 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,  
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.**

## COMMUNION

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

Rev. Lawrence and People

**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.**

### \*HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

*Refrain:*

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.*

**\*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**

*Final from Symphony No. 1, Op. 14*

Louis Vierne

\*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.*

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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  
Ada Hewell  
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings  
Doris Kerlin  
David McDuffie  
Jake Murphy  
Lurlene Perry

Claudia Rhodes  
Nancy Riccardi  
Sue Sheddan  
Mabel Wilbanks  
Brad Wilkinson

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Eddie and Maritza Cole and family upon the death of Maritza's mother, Paulina Blackwood, on April 27.

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

and in celebration of the birthday of Lynne Garrett by Bob Garrett.



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# *United Methodist Women*

## *Baby Recognition Sunday*

*May 2, 2021*

*A Gift to Mission donation has been made in honor of each child by the UMW.*

*Alexander Lee Polito*

**June 3, 2020**

Parents: Yoann & Lauren Polito

Grandparents: Dave & Cheryl Lee

*Saylor Rose Smith*

**November 10, 2020**

Parents: Brian & Samantha Smith

Grandparents: Ben & Karen Smith

*Robert Tillman Schott*

**June 8, 2020**

Parents: Richard & Rachel Schott

Grandparents: Larry & Becky Voyles

*Liam Jackson Lowe*

**November 12, 2020**

Parents: Kyle & Ciara Lowe

Grandparents: Ellen Lowe

*Tessa Grace James*

**June 15, 2020**

Parents: Kenneth & Sarah James

Grandparents: Keith & Anna James

*Abigail Elizabeth Christ*

**November 25, 2020**

Parents: Joshua & Ashley Christ

Grandparents: Ben & Karen Smith

*William Henry Brooks*

**July 22, 2020**

Parents: Kyle & Elizabeth Brooks

Grandparents: Bobby & Laurie Brooks

*Adelaide Rose Keaton*

**February 14, 2021**

Parents: Nathan & Cate Keaton

Grandparents: Bobby & Susie Arrington

*Alexander Calloway Evans*

**August 7, 2020**

Parents: Alex & Luanna Evans

Grandparents: Ted & Tami Kemberling

*Phillip Alan Jackson, III*

**March 25, 2021**

Parents: Phillip & Donna Jackson

Grandparents: Diane & Phil Jackson

*Colton Wade Cauthen*

**October 1, 2020**

Parents: Jon & Jeannie Cauthen

Grandparents: Lanny & Mary Ann Cauthen

*Amelia Marie Wood*

**March 31, 2021**

Parents: Matt & Samantha Wood

Grandparents: Gary & Lynne Wood

*Alaina Grace Little*

**October 7, 2020**

Parents: Rob & Jennifer Little

Grandparents: Chuck & Debbie Pace

*Charles William Grayson*

**April 12, 2021**

Parents: Andy & Kyndall Grayson

Grandparents: Chuck & Barbara Grayson

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me,  
and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14*



# *Honor those who mother on Mother's Day*

To donate to missions and recognize those who mother us in a special section of the May 9 Mother's Day church bulletin, complete this form. Get it to the church office by May 3 using the mail, the office drop-box or the offering basket as you exit worship. **Proceeds benefit local missions including Bloom and Promise Place.** Thank you! *NEW! If you'd like us to mail your recipient(s) a copy of the recognition, include the name/address in an envelope.* Make checks payable to **Bethany Circle**. Please **print clearly**. Questions? Contact Beth Nicholson, 678-576-0449.

Names to be recognized	Memory	Honor
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