



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

### Fayetteville First UMC

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

#### GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

#### MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Prelude in Classic Style*  
Mr. Justin Maxey, Director of Music

Gordon Young

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Carson Thaxton  
Children and Family Minister

#### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *All That Hath Life and Breath, Praise Ye The Lord!*

René Clausen

#### \*HYMN 144

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATTA

#### INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Thaxton 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.

*\*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."**



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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*I'll Walk with God*  
Sam Burch, baritone soloist

Nicholas Brodsky

*I'll walk with God from this day on; his helping hand I'll lean upon.  
This is my prayer, my humble plea, may the Lord be ever with me.*

*There is no death, tho' eyes grow dim. There is no fear when I'm near to Him.  
I'll lean on Him forever, and He'll forsake me never.*

*He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong  
Whatever road I may walk along.*

*I'll walk with God; I'll take His hand; I'll talk with God, He'll understand.  
I'll pray to Him, each day to Him, and He'll hear the words that I say.*

*His hand will guide my throne and rod,  
And I'll never walk alone while I walk with God.*

### \*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

**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. Thaxton 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

Mark 3:20-35

Rev. Thaxton

<sup>20</sup>And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

SERMON

*Trying to be like Jesus*

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. Thaxton 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 368**

*My Hope Is Built*

SOLID ROCK

**\*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**

*Toccata in G Major*

Théodore Dubois

\*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  
Tangie Hubbard  
Cindy Jennings

Doris Kerlin  
Lurlene Perry  
Claudia Rhodes  
Nancy Ricciardi  
Sue Sheddan

Mabel Wilbanks  
Brad Wilkinson

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Ralph and Eleanor McDuffie and Craig McDuffie upon the death of Ralph and Eleanor's son and Craig's brother, David McDuffie, on May 27.



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