



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**Fayetteville First UMC**

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 1, 2021**

### GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

### MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*  
Mr. Justin Maxey, Director of Music & Organist

arr. Mark Hayes

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**  
Associate Minister

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 78:23-29*

Rev. Lawrence

Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;  
he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.

**Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.**

**He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;**

he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;

he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.

**And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.**

### \*HYMN 575

*Onward Christian Soldiers*

ST. GERTRUDE

### \*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.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Let us pray together:*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**



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**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Dr. Martin

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:*  
"The peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND BLESSING OF BACKPACKS**

Dr. Martin

**FIRST READING**

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

Rev. Lawrence

*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,<sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Lawrence

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.  
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.  
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

## **\*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. 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.**

## **\*GOSPEL READING**

*John 6:24-35*

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."*

*<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

*Life Lessons: Get Along*

Dr. Martin

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

See page 13 for responses.

## **COMMUNION**

This week we will be celebrating communion by intinction. The ushers will direct you to the front of the sanctuary where you will be given a wafer to dip in the cup. Individual servings and gluten-free options are available on the altar if you prefer. After receiving the elements, you are invited to kneel or remain at the altar for prayer. Offerings may be left at the altar to support our church benevolence fund to assist those in need in our community.

## **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.

**\*HYMN 548**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

MCKEE

**\*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**

*Rigaudon from Idoménée*

André Campra

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Van Askew  
Annelle Burch  
Joe Byers  
Richard Clayton

Anne Free  
Margaret Grainger  
Martha Hale  
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings  
Doris Kerlin  
Claudia Rhodes  
Nancy Ricciardi

Mabel Wilbanks  
Brad Wilkinson

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Ann Walton and family upon the death of Ann's daughter, Connie Cates, on July 25.



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