



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Mr. Justin Maxey, Director of Music & Organist

arr. Rebecca Bonam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111:1, 7-10

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

***HYMN 158**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

***INVOCATION**

Dr. Martin

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Dr. Martin and **People**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **universal UMH 881*



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***GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Dr. Martin

FIRST READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Rev. Lawrence

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

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 500**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God Gave Us Music

DALE WOOD

*All praise to God for song God gives! For music and a hope that lives!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice!*

*All praise to God for song God gives, For music and a hope that lives;
God’s sacred word is so profound, We sing, and let the truth resound.*

*God gave us music, gave us voice; Sing alleluia and rejoice!
We lift in faith secure and strong the sacred word through sacred song.*

*The word gives both the life and light, and guides us through the shades of night,
So let the music sound God’s praise as hymns bring gladness to our days.*

*In song let God be glorified, for God is able to provide
The music for the singers’ art as song God places in the heart.*

*All praise to God, whose sacred word has brought good news to all who heard.
We worship God and sing with joy, and instruments of praise employ.*

***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 6:51-58

Rev. Lawrence

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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SERMON

Life Lessons: Be Careful

Dr. Martin

***HYMN 68**

When in Our Music God is Glorified

ENGELBERG

***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

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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
Helen Voyles

Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

In Memoriam
Allen Shah
August 11, 2021

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Karin Shah and family upon the death of her husband, Allen Shah, on August 11.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of

Phoebe Rose Watson, daughter of Kevin and Michelle Watson, on July 24. Grandparents are Steve and Sandra Watson.



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