



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

The Swan from Carnival of the Animals
Mr. Justin Maxey, Director of Music & Organist

Camille Saint-Saens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

***HYMN 62 (Vv 1-3, 7)**

All Creatures of Our God and King

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***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*

***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.



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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Dr. Martin and Rev. Lawrence

Litany:

Pastor: Receive the gift of this Bible so that the story of God and God’s people may be with you.

Will you seek to enjoy reading how God is at work in our everyday lives, in nature and throughout history?

Students: We will.

Pastor: Will you seek to learn about the life and teachings of Jesus?

Students: We will.

Pastor: Will you be open to how God continues to speak to you through your reading of the scriptures?

Students: We will.

People: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your classes, and in our worship.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Dr. Martin

FIRST READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Rev. Lawrence

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

At the Name of Jesus

Cindy Berry

*Jesus, though He was God did not cling to His rights as God,
but laid aside His mighty power, His mighty power and glory.
Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men.
He humbled Himself, He humbled Himself,
and became obedient unto death even death on the cross!*

*At the name of Jesus, at the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.
That ev'ry knee shall bow, and ev'ry tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!
At the name of Jesus!*

***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 6:35, 41-51

Rev. Lawrence

³⁵Jesus 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.

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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."

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Life Lessons: Put that Away

Dr. Martin

***HYMN 400**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

***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

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata II, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Bible Presentation Recipients:

Grace Fernandes

Connor Hansen

Brinleigh-Monet Kennedy

Patrick Mayhew

Jake McDaniel

John Poston

Shelby Smith

Luke Stevens

Joey Travis

Mila Van Splunter

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

In Memoriam
Mary Alice Morris
July 4, 2021

In Memoriam
Faye Smith
July 30, 2021

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

the family of Mary Alice Morris upon her death on July 4.

Robin, Lauren, and Kaleigh Fowler upon the death of Robin's mother and Lauren and Kaleigh's grandmother, Faye Smith, on July 30.

Carole Hyder and family upon the death of her granddaughter, Kristin Hightower, on August 7.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God and

in honor of Annelle Burch's 90th birthday on August 6 by Sam and Susan Burch.

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

Elliott Rose Kemberling, daughter of Ted E. and Grace Kemberling, born on July 17. Ellie is the granddaughter of Ted and Tami Kemberling.



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