

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

# **Fayetteville First UMC**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 6, 2022 11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Worthy of Worship arr. Mark Hayes

Mr. Justin Maxey Director of Music & Organist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138:5-8

Rev. Lawrence and People

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

\*Hymn 436

The Voice of God Is Calling

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\*Invocation

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin Senior Minister

Dr. Martin and **People** 

## \*Invitation, Confession and Pardon

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,

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we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, 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

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

### 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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

Rev. Lawrence

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

**OFFERTORY** 

Praise the Lord, Be Joyful! from Litaniae de venerabili altaris sacramento, K.125

Chancel Choir W.A. Mozart, arr. Hal Hopson

Praise the Lord, be joyful!

Shout forth his glory.

God is merciful, the Shepherd, kind and true;

God, the Shepherd, kind and true.

# God is the One Creator, Come with songs rejoicing. Praise the Lord; O be joyful; Come with songs rejoicing.

\*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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dr. Martin

Children are invited to return to seats.

No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.

\*Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11 Dr. Martin

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ¬So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ¬But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus 'knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ¬For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹oand so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Deep Water Dr. Martin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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\*Hymn 64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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\*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 A Joyous Postlude Mr. Maxey
Cyrus S. Mallard

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand in body or spirit.

#### **ABOUT COMMUNION**

In the United Methodist Church, communion is a sacrament. It is sacred and set apart. A sacrament is a sign, a symbol, and a reminder. It reminds us of God's love. As a symbol, the wafer and the juice we use are things we can see and touch that remind us of something we cannot see and we cannot touch: the grace of God at work in all of our lives.

As we continue worshipping during this Season of Epiphany, we do so by focusing on God's presence in the communion elements, in the people gathered here, and in the fellowship we share at this table. All are welcome at this table because it is God who gives us the invitation.

As you come at the usher's direction, you will be given a wafer to dip into the cup. If you wish to have communion that isn't touched by the ministers or dipped in the shared cup, there are single-serving elements located on the altar. In addition, a gluten-free option is available at the altar.

As you kneel at the altar this morning in body or in spirit, if you would like to leave a donation to our Benevolence Fund here at the church, you are invited to do so by placing your gift on the altar rail or designating a benevolence gift online.

#### Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew Anne Free Tangie Hubbard Mabel Wilbanks Annelle Burch Margaret Grainger Cindy Jennings Brad Wilkinson Nancy Byers Doris Kerlin Martha Hale Richard Clayton Don Harp Claudia Rhodes Chenelle Hernandez Sally Dunham Helen Voyles

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

Charles Hoyt Knox to Chip and Joanna Knox on February 1. Grandparents are Danny and Julie Beck.



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### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

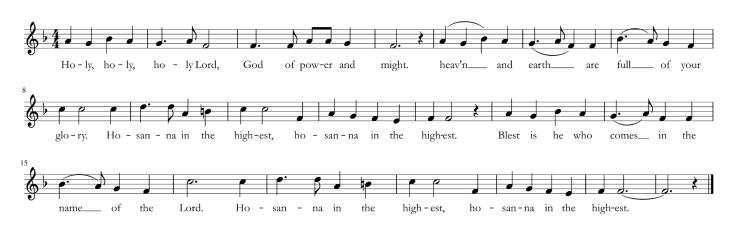
We lift them up to the Lord.

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, Father 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 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.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

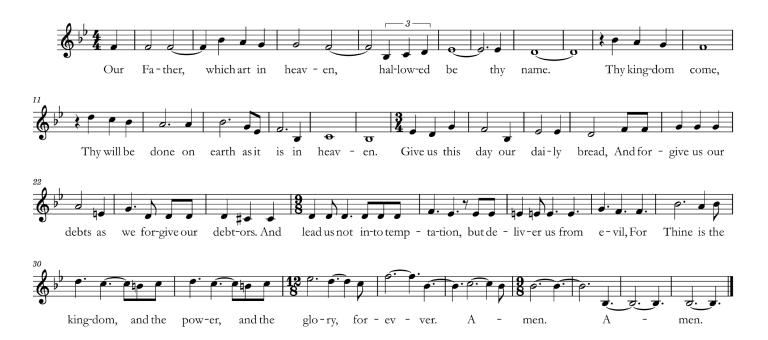
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

... By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:



#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

You are invited to contribute to the Benevolence Fund by leaving an offering on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.