



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fayetteville First UMC

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

The Old Rugged Cross
arr. Marilyn Ham

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

*HYMN 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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*INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

*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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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**

Dr. Martin and People

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 43:16-21

Rev. Lawrence

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

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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 297**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

OFFERTORY

Behold, I Make All Things New
Allen Pote

Chancel Choir & Orchestra

*Listen and hear God’s word: “Behold, I say unto you:
Do not cling to the past or dwell on what has happened.
Behold, I make all things new!*

*I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers will flow in the desert.
I will quench the thirst of my chosen people, and they will sing my praise!”
Thus says our God.*

*Tell the whole world to sing. Sing and celebrate with praise.
For the Holy One has spoken and promised to make all things new!*

*God will lead the blind on roads they have never known,
and will guide them on paths they have never traveled.
Their road is dark and rough, but God will give them light to keep them,
to keep them from falling.*

*Listen and hear God's word: "Behold I say unto you:
I will make all things new, and will make a way in the wilderness,
and to my people, to my people I will give light, a light in the darkness,
and they will sing, will sing my praises."*

*Tell the whole world to sing. Sing and celebrate with praise.
For the Holy One has spoken and promised to make all things new!*

Amen! Amen! Amen!

***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 their seats.
No Wonders of Worship today.
The nursery is available for infants through 3 years.*

***GOSPEL READING**

John 12:1-8

Rev. Lawrence

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lent in Real Life: The Poor

Dr. Martin

***HYMN 298**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

***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.*

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God

and in celebration of the 45th wedding anniversary of Bobby and Kathe Anderson on April 2 by their children and family.



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