



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**  
**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 28, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*God Leads His Dear Children Along*  
G.A. Young, arr. Fred Bock

Mr. Justin Maxey  
Director of Music & Organist

*In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet, God leads His dear children along;  
Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet, God leads His dear children along.*

*Some through the waters, some through the flood, some through the fire, but all through the blood;  
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song, in the night season and all the day long.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 112:1-6*

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.  
**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.  
**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**  
It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.  
**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

**\*HYMN**

*Love, Mercy, and Grace*

See insert

**\*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**

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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.

**\*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.**”

**The Family of God**

Bill & Gloria Gaither

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam-ly of God - I've been washed in the foun-tain, cleansed by His Blood!  
Joint heirs with Je-sus as we trav-el this sod; For I'm part of the fam-'ly the fam-'ly of God.

**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**

*Jeremiah 2:4-13*

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? <sup>6</sup>They did not say, “Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” <sup>7</sup>I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. <sup>8</sup>The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.*

*<sup>9</sup>Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. <sup>10</sup>Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. <sup>11</sup>Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. <sup>12</sup>Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, <sup>13</sup>for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.*

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 365**

*Grace Greater than Our Sin*

MOODY

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Dr. Martin

**OFFERTORY**

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*  
arr. Larry Shackley

Chancel Choir  
Judy Hames & Justin Maxey, piano

*Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.*

*Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea;  
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all-sufficient grace for even me!  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame;  
Oh, magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise His name!*

*Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.*

*Wonderful the matchless grace, wonderful the matchless grace 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.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Dr. Martin

*Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Wonders of Worship in Room B225.  
Children 3rd grade and older are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary for the service.  
The nursery is available for infants through 3 years.*

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Rev. Lawrence

*On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.*

*<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you,*

*'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN 378**

*Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,  
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,  
as long as ever you can.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Toccata on Amazing Grace*  
arr. J. Christopher Pardini

Mr. Maxey

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Van Askew  
Nancy Byers  
Richard Clayton  
Margaret Grainger

Martha Hale  
Don Harp  
Chenelle Hernandez  
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings  
Sara Johnston  
Doris Kerlin  
Claudia Rhodes

Brenda Tierman  
Helen Voyles  
Elise Wheatley  
Mabel Wilbanks

In Memoriam  
Jimmy Combs  
August 18, 2022

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Carolyn Combs and family upon the death of her husband, Jimmy Combs, on August 18.



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C. A. M.

C. AUSTIN MILES

1. 'Twas Love that gave at great-est cost A Life, that mine should not be lost.  
2. The love that free-ly all for-gives In full-ness now with-in me lives;  
3. God's love, His mer-cy and His grace, Com-bine to raise a fall-en race;

The Love that died in deep de-spair My debt ful-ly sat-is-fied there.  
Thro' ev-'ry tri-al this I see; His grace is suf-fi-cient for me.  
His hand is read-y, ere we call, Held out with for-give-ness for all.

## CHORUS

It was Love . . . that took my place On the cross of Cal-va-  
It was Love that took my place  
the cross of

ry; It was grace, . . . re-deem-ing grace, That  
It was grace, re-deem-ing grace,  
Cal-va-ry;

paid my ran-som full and free. O-ver sin, . . . with-out, with-  
O-ver sin,

in, I have . . . the vic-to-ry,  
with-out, with-in, I have the vic-to-ry, I have the vic-to-ry,

Thro' grace, mar-vel-ous grace, that lives in me.  
Thro' grace, mar-vel-ous grace,