



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**November 20, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*The Lord Is My Light*  
Frances Allitsen  
Michael O'Hearn, bass

Mr. Justin Maxey  
Director of Music & Organist

*The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation,  
Whom, then, shall I fear? Whom, then, shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life,  
The Lord is the strength of my life;  
Of whom then shall I be afraid?*

*Though an host of men were laid against me,  
Yet shall not my heart be afraid;  
And though there rose up war against me.  
Yet will I put my trust in Him.*

*For, in the time of trouble,  
He shall hide me in His tabernacle,  
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,  
And set me up upon a rock of stone.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 46:1-4*

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**  
Associate Minister

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**  
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**\*HYMN 694**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**\*INVOCATION**

Dr. Martin

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**\*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**

MEINEKE

**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.**”

**MINISTRY OF THE GIDEONS**

Dr. Dave Lee

**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**

*Colossians 1:11-20*

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully<sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES, PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 131**

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Dr. Martin

**OFFERTORY**

*O Clap Your Hands*

Chancel Choir

John Rutter

*O clap your hands together all ye people;  
O sing unto God with the voice of melody,  
For the Lord is high and to be fear'd,  
He is the great king upon all the Earth.*

*He shall subdue the people under us  
And the nations under our feet;  
He shall choose out an heritage for us  
Even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.*

*God is gone up with a merry noise,  
With a merry noise, With a merry noise,  
And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.*

*O sing praises, sing praises unto our God;  
O sing praises, sing praises unto the King,  
For God is the King of all the earth.  
Sing ye praises with understanding.*

*O clap your hands together all ye people;  
O clap your hands. Clap your hands.  
Clap your hands. Clap your hands.  
Clap your hands together all ye people.  
Clap your hands together all ye people.  
Clap your hands, all ye people!*

**\*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 23:33-43*

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the*

criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN 327**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

**\*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**

*Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata 79*  
J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

Mr. Maxey, organ

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Van Askew  
Nancy Byers  
Richard Clayton  
Martha Hale

Don Harp  
Tangie Hubbard  
Cindy Jennings  
Sara Johnston

Doris Kerlin  
Claudia Rhodes  
Tom Starling  
Brenda Tierman

Helen Voyles  
Mabel Wilbanks

**The flowers in the sanctuary today are presented to the glory of God**  
and in memory of Bryan Krilla by his mother, Donna Krilla.



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