

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 11:00 AM | FEBRUARY 5, 2023

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
arr. Marilyn Ham

Mr. Justin Maxey  
Director of Music & Organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 112:1-6*

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

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 185

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

## \*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Dr. Martin and **People**

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,**

**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.**

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## \*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 58:1-9a

Rev. Lawrence

*Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.*

*<sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?*

*<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MINISTRY MOMENT

Ms. Maggie Clarke

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

## OFFERTORY

*Blessed Are the Men Who Fear Him*  
from Elijah — Felix Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir

*Blessed are the men who fear Him, they ever walk in the way of peace.  
Through darkness riseth light, light to the upright.  
He is gracious, compassionate; He is righteous.*

## \*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 after Children's Moment.  
No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.*

## \*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Lawrence

<sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Dr. Martin

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See insert

## \*HYMN 585

*This Little Light of Mine*

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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

*Marche aux Flambeaux "Torchlight March"*  
Scotson Clark

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  
Martha Hale

Don Harp  
Tangie Hubbard  
Cindy Jennings  
Doris Kerlin

Claudia Rhodes  
Tom Starling  
Brenda Tierman  
Helen Voyles

Mabel Wilbanks

**The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God**  
and in memory and celebration of the life of Eleanor McDuffie.

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Wednesdays through Saturdays 7 PM

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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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. heav'n and earth are full of your

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glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes in the

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name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

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:

A musical score for the Lord's Prayer in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number in the left margin. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating the duration of the notes. The score includes a triplet in the second system and a change to 3/4 time in the third system.

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom come,

11 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And for - give us our

22 debts as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp - ta-tion, but de - liv-er us from e-vil, For Thine is the

30 king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for - ev - ver. A - men. A - men.

## 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.