

# *The Worship of God*

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church  
PALM SUNDAY | 11:00 AM | APRIL 2, 2023

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*The Holy City*  
F.E. Weatherly & Stephen Adams

Mr. Justin Maxey  
Director of Music & Organist  
Ms. Jasmine Habersham, soprano

*Last night I lay asleeping there came a dream so fair, I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there.  
I heard the children singing and ever as they sang  
methought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang:  
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!"  
And then methought my dream was chang'd, the streets no longer rang.  
Hush'd were the glad Hosannas the little children sang.  
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,  
as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.  
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Hark! How the Angels sing, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!"  
And once again the scene was chang'd; new earth there seem'd to be.  
I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea.  
The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide,  
And all who would might enter and no one was denied.  
No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day.  
It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.  
"Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna for evermore!"*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:23-26

Dr. Martin and People

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.**  
**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

## \*PALM PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

FFUMC Handbell Choir, Dr. Judy Hames, Director

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**

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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.

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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."**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

**MINISTRY MOMENT**

Ms. Virginia Pope

**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

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 277**

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

STORIES OF JESUS

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Dr. Martin

**OFFERTORY**

*Ride on, King Jesus*  
Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir  
Ms. Habersham, soloist

*Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquering king.  
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man, no, can a hinder thee.  
I was but young when I begun. No man, no, can a hinder thee.  
But now my race is almost done. No man, no, can a hinder thee.*

*Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquering king.  
Ride on King Jesus, ride on. No man, no, can a hinder thee.  
King Jesus rides a milk white horse. No man, no, can a hinder thee.  
The river of Jordan he did cross. No man, no, can a hinder thee.*

*Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquering king.  
Ride on King Jesus, ride on. No man, no, can a hinder thee.  
He's the King, Lord of all. No man, no, can a hinder thee.  
Jesus is the first and he's the last. Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.  
Jesus is the Prince, Prince of peace. No man, no, can a hinder thee.*

*Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on, Jesus.  
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man, no, can a hinder thee.*

Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on, Jesus. Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on, Jesus.  
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, ride on, ride on, Jesus. Ride on, 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.*

**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.**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 21:1-11

Rev. Lawrence

*When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN 278**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

**\*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**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Van Askew  
Nancy Byers  
Richard Clayton  
Karen Davis

Martha Hale  
Don Harp  
Tangie Hubbard  
Cindy Jennings

Doris Kerlin  
Claudia Rhodes  
Brenda Tierman  
Helen Voyles

Julie Watson

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Sam and Susan Burch and family upon the death of Susan's sister, Judy King, on March 23.

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