

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | 11:00 AM | MARCH 12, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

The Love of God
arr. Jeff Cranfill

FFUMC Orchestra
Mr. Rick Massengale, Conductor
Mr. Justin Maxey, Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-6

Rev. Joe Watson and **People**
Minister of Nurture

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

*HYMN 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Watson 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.

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*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

Rev. Lawrence 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. Watson 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

Romans 5:1-11

Rev. Watson

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of
sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering
produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does
not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has
been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone
die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But
God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then,
now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if
while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having
been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord
Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 for-
give 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 355

Depth of Mercy

CANTERBURY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord
Emma Lou Deimer

Chancel Choir
Stephen Rotz, Guest Conductor

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God;
And a great King above all gods.
In His hand are all the corners of the earth;
And the strength of the hills is His also.
The sea is His and He made it;
His hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down
and come, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
For He is the Lord our God;
and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.
For He cometh, to judge the earth;
And with righteousness to judge the world,
And the peoples with His truth.
O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
For He is the Lord our God.

*DOXOLOGY

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**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

Rev. Lawrence

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

John 4:5-14

Rev. Watson

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Lawrence

*HYMN 299

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lawrence

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God
and in celebration of Larry and Shirley Washburn's 68th wedding anniversary.

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