

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | 11:00 AM | APRIL 23, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Prelude in Classic Style
Gordon Young

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116:16-19

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin and **People**
Senior Minister

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

*HYMN 133

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Romans 8:35, 37-39

Dr. Martin and **People**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!
In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.
We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

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*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**

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

Dr. Martin 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

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Dr. Martin

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Martin

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 454**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY

Rockin' Jerusalem
André J. Thomas

Chancel Choir

*I hear rockin' in the land! Rockin' in the land and ringin' dem bells.
I know, oh my Lord, there's rockin' in the land, rockin' in the land and ringin' dem bells.
I know archangels ring dem bells. Oh I hear dem ringin'
For they are rockin' Jerusalem, rockin' Jerusalem, rockin' Jerusalem, rockin' Jerusalem ringin' dem bells.
O Mary, Oh Martha, Oh Mary, ring dem bells! I hear archangels a-ringin' dem bells! Ringin' dem bells!
Church gettin' higher, Jerusalem, ring dem bells! Church gettin' higher, Jerusalem, ring dem bells!
Don't you hear the bells a-ringin', Don't you hear dem ringin' dem bells!*

Rockin' in the land, the land, rockin' in the land, the land, in the land, rockin' in the land,
Rockin' Jerusalem, ringin' dem bells!

***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 24:13-35

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¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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SERMON

Rev. Lawrence

***HYMN 318**

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Lawrence

***POSTLUDE**

Choral Song
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Mr. Maxey

*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
Sara Reams
Claudia Rhodes
Brenda Tierman

Helen Voyles
Julie Watson

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in celebration of the birthday of Lynne Garrett by her husband, Bob Garrett. and
children, Natalie and Robbie.

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