

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

PENTECOST SUNDAY | 11:00 AM | MAY 28, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Holy Spirit, Come Medley
arr. Marilyn Ham

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Nolan and Phyllis Palsma, 2011 Worship & Song: Worship Resources Edition by Abingdon Press

*HYMN 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Romans 8:35, 37-39

Rev. Lawrence 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

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

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Lawrence

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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 544**

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. William Dawson

Chancel Choir

Michael O'Hearn, bass

Refrain

*Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine. Refrain*

*Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
it runs to heaven and runs right back. Refrain*

***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

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 7:37-39

Rev. Lawrence

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Lawrence

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lawrence

*Now may the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
And the services of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the activities of the only real and holy God
Be visible in you and all of Christ's holy church. Amen.*

*POSTLUDE

Jubilate
Gordon Young

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

Robbie Gray
Martha Hale
Don Harp
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Claudia Rhodes
Brenda Tierman

Helen Voyles
Julie Watson

In Memoriam
Fred Springer
May 21, 2023

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Lynn Springer and family upon the death of her husband, Fred Springer, on May 21.

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