

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 11:00 AM | May 7, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

My Jesus, I Love Thee with Méditation from Thaïs
Jules Massenet, arr. Marilyn Ham

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 31:1-5

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

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

*HYMN 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. Lawrence 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.

*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."**

MINISTRY MOMENT

Ms. Nancy Dennis

BABY RECOGNITION

United Women in Faith

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Lawrence

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place from Requiem
Johannes Brahms

Chancel Choir

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell in thy house:
they praise thy name evermore.*

*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.*

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.**

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

Rev. Lawrence

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—
³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight,
and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying
in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to
shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the
builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and
a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may

proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Martin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See insert

***HYMN 529**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

***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**

Toccata on How Firm a Foundation
Claude Murphree

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
Sara Reams
Claudia Rhodes

Brenda Tierman
Helen Voyles
Julie Watson

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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

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

15 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:



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.



United Women of Faith

Baby Recognition Sunday

May 7, 2023

A Gift to Mission donation has been made in honor of each child by the UMW.

Julianne Harper Carey

February 15, 2022

Parents: Alex & Molly Carey
Grandparents: Rick & Nan Carey
Great Grandparent: Kay Walters

Marigold Frances Otwell

May 19, 2022

Parents: P.J. & Brandi Otwell
Grandparents: Lawrence & Teresa Otwell
and Marcia Morrow

Caroline Ann Schott

May 20, 2022

Parents: Richard & Rachel Schott
Grandparents: Larry & Becky Voyles

Jace Caballero

May 29, 2022

Parents: José & Caitlin Caballero
Grandparents: Jon & Leslie Wade

Lukas Staggs Evans

June 30, 2022

Parents: Alex & LuAnna Evans
Grandparents: Tedd & Tami Kemberling

Ray Brandon Price

July 3, 2022

Parents: Ryan & Kalie Price
Grandparents: Dan & Karen Aiken

Caroline Kate Buis

July 12, 2022

Parents: Trippe & Kathryn Buis
Grandparents: Pam & Eric Trube

Autumn Nora Alexander

July 16, 2022

Parents: Nolan & Laura Alexander
Grandparents: Pam & Eric Trube

William Edward Bottoms

September 22, 2022

Parents: Matt & Melissa Bottoms
Grandparents: Jim & Diane McCarten

Kahlan Elzie Bass

October 24, 2022

Parents: Ronny & Stephanie McGrew Bass
Grandparents: Bill & Carol Webb

Gwendolyn Lucille Deason

December 5, 2022

Parents: Alex & Torri Deason
Grandparents: David & Lynn Deason

Franklin Alejandro Wheatley

January 1, 2023

Parents: Nick & Aleja Wheatley
Grandparents: Mike & Tina Wheatley
Great Grandparent: Trudy Whittington

Jude William Boardman

January 3, 2023

Parents: Dan & Caroline Boardman
Great Grandparent: Kay Walters

Elizabeth Joy Pack

February 19, 2023

Parents: Molly Montgomery & Tyler Pack
Grandparents: David & Lynn Deason

Elisa Beltrame

February 20, 2023

Great Grandparent: Pat Dunn

Harper Louise Moore

March 11, 2023

Parents: Mike & Brandi Moore
Grandparents: Cindy Beale
Great Grandparent: Trudy Whittington

Sophia Lucille Brooks

March 22, 2023

Parents: Kyle & Elizabeth Brooks
Grandparents: Bobby & Laurie Brooks

River Wylder Francissen

April 12, 2023

Parents: Chris & Amanda Francissen
Grandparents: John & Julie Francissen

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me,
and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14*