

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | JUNE 18, 2023

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*God of Our Fathers with Eternal Father, Strong to Save*  
arr. Marilyn Ham

Mr. Justin Maxey  
Director of Music & Organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*

Dr. Martin and People

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
**What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?**  
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,  
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.  
**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**  
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 698

*God of the Ages*

NATIONAL HYMN

## \*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 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.

\*universal UMH 881

## \*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

Dr. Martin and People

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:  
"The peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

### 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

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1

Dr. Martin

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

<sup>1</sup>The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.  
Thanks be to God.

### MINISTRY MOMENT: LEGACY GIVING

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

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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.

### OFFERTORY

And The Father Will Dance  
Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

And the Father will dance over you in joy!  
He will take delight in whom He loves.  
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God?  
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!

And He will joy over you in song;  
And He will joy over you in song.

My soul will make its boast in God,  
For He has answered all my cries,  
His faithfulness in me  
is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake my soul!  
Awake, my soul, and sing!  
Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice,  
Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!  
Cast away fear for you have been restored!  
Put on the garment of praise  
as on a festival day.  
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song!

And He will joy over you in song;  
And He will joy over you in song.  
And the Father will dance over you in joy!  
He will take delight in whom He loves.  
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God?  
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!

God rejoices over you, God rejoices over you,  
God rejoices over you in song!

### **\*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**

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**

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and

Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

The Rev. Tommy Martin

## \*HYMN 710

*Faith of Our Fathers*

ST. CATHERINE

## \*BENEDICTION

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*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

*Postlude in D*  
A. Louis Scarmolin

Mr. Maxey

\*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

Robbie Gray  
Martha Hale  
Don Harp  
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings  
Doris Kerlin  
Jerry Light  
Claudia Rhodes

Brenda Tierman  
Helen Voyles  
Julie Watson  
Paul Wiley

### Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Ben and Karen Smith and family upon the death of Ben's mother, Eleanor Hutchinson Smith, on May 29.  
Travis and Anna Mayhew and family upon the death of Travis' stepfather, Bob McCowan, on June 6.

### The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God

and in honor on Father's Day of Mack Stephens from Harriett Bankston.

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Fridays 7 PM; Saturdays 7 PM

NA Meeting: Thursdays and Saturdays 7 PM

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