

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | August 13, 2023

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*The Lord's My Shepherd*  
arr. Donald Hustad

Mr. Marty Alexander  
Guest Organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 105:1-6, 45b*

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

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

**Praise the LORD!**

## \*HYMN 400

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Lawrence 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

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

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

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## 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

Romans 10:5-15

Rev. Lawrence

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

MOODY

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

## OFFERTORY

Blessings  
Laura Story

Mrs. Luanne Harms

## \*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**

Matthew 14:22-33

Rev. Lawrence

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN 467**

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

**\*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**

O Worship the King  
arr. Craig A. Penfield

Mr. Alexander

\*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  
Ingrid Shields

Brenda Tierman  
Helen Voyles  
Julie Watson  
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam  
Ada Hewell  
August 5, 2023

In Memoriam  
Donald Saunders  
August 6, 2023

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Andy and Jeanne Chambers and Alison Chambers and family upon the death of Jeanne's mother and Alison's grandmother, Ada Hewell, on August 5.

Dennis and Linda Saunders and family upon the death of Dennis' father, Donald Saunders, on August 6.

Tim and Joan Aycock upon the death of Tim's father, Rev. James Aycock, on August 6.

**The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God**  
and in memory of Blair Harrison by Phyllis Harrison and family.

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