

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | October 22, 2023

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Amazing Grace*  
arr. Ronald Kaufman

FFUMC Handbell Choir  
Dr. Judy Hames, Director

## INTROIT

*All That Hath Life and Breath*  
Rene' Clausen

Chancel Choir

## \*HYMN 715

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWALL'S 148TH

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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."**

## 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

Exodus 33:12-23

Rev. Lawrence

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found

favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup>Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup>He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." <sup>17</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup>Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." <sup>19</sup>And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." <sup>21</sup>And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup>then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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 361

Rock of Ages

TOPLADY

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

## OFFERTORY

*It Is Well With My Soul*  
Phillip K. Bliss, arr. John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

## \*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 22:15-22

Rev. Lawrence

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Dr. Martin

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Psalm 99:1-5

Dr. Martin and People

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;**

**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

**Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!**

## \*HYMN 261

Lord of the Dance

LORD OF THE DANCE

## \*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  
Fred Bock

Mr. Nick Bowden  
Director of Music & Organist

\*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

Margaret Whitaker  
Paul Wiley

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Margaret Pettis upon the death of her grandson, Nicholas Scott Pettis, on October 15.

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