

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY | 11:00 AM | NOVEMBER 26, 2023

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Adagio from Quartet, K. 285
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Mr. Michael O'Hearn
Flute

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
Rene' Clausen

Chancel Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

*HYMN 159

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Lawrence and **People**
Associate Minister

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic, and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth, 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."**

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

Ephesians 1:15-23

Rev. Lawrence

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason
¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know
him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has
called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasur-
able greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put
this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the
heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that
is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has
made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 for-
give 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 172

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

OFFERTORY

Crown Him with Many Crowns
arr. Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Crown Him with many crowns!

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side.
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends the burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him with many crowns, the lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high;
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

All singing, please stand as able:

**Crown Him the Lord of years: the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!**

***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.*

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. Lawrence

³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Martin

*HYMN 325

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

IN BABILONE

*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.*

*RESPONSE

Chancel Choir and **People**

**"Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought," for these are the things Jesus taught.**

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
Nick Bowden

Mr. Nick Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

*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

Jerry Light
Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman
Helen Voyles
Julie Watson

Margaret Whitaker
Paul Wiley

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Gloria Householder and Tish Householder upon the death of Gloria's brother and Tish's uncle, Gordon Sharp, on November 17.

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

and in memory of Bryan Krilla by his mother, Donna Krilla, and his daughter, Makayla Krilla.

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