

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
1ST SUNDAY IN LENT | 11:00 AM | FEBRUARY 18, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Andante Cantabile
Guiseppe Tartini

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Chancel Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*HYMN 142

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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.

*universal UMH 881

*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

Rev. Lawrence

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

Psalm 25:1-10

Rev. Lawrence

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

⁸Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

SWEET HOUR

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Drew West
Assistant Minister of Families and Children

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. West and People

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*Children are invited to return to their seats after Children's Moment.
No Wonders of Worship today.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. West

OFFERTORY

If You Search With All Your Heart
Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

*When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage; I will bring you home to me.*

*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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:7-14

Rev. West

⁷"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹"Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

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SERMON

"Being Great Neighbors: Prayers"

Rev. Short

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rev. Short

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself
out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.

Help us to take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity,
so that the discipline of these forty days
may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship,
and wet our thirst for the living water you offer
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*HYMN 479

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*POSTLUDE

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee from **Orgelbüchlein**
Johann Sebastian Bach

Mr. Bowden

*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
Tangie Hubbard
Cindy Jennings

Doris Kerlin
Mike Leonard
Jerry Light
Nancy Ricciardi

Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman
Helen Voyles
Paul Wiley

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in honor of Wayne and Marilyn Harris' 50th wedding anniversary.

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