

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
5th Sunday After Epiphany | 11:00 AM | February 4, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Prelude in G BWV542
Johann Sebastian Bach

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music and Organist

INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise
John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands, Serve the Lord with gladness,
Come before his presence with singing, Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. Lawrence and People

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*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 and **People**

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

MINISTRY MOMENT: UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Sara Reams

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES AND PASTORAL PRAYER

The Rev. Drew West and **People**
Assistant Minister of Families and Children

OFFERTORY

Let Us Break Bread Together
arr. Darrell Peter

Chancel Choir

*Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy, if you please.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy, if you please.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on 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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*Children are invited to return to seats after Children's Moment.
No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. West 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.**

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 40:21-31

Rev. West

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is

unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Renew"

Rev. Short

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

You are invited to contribute to the Benevolence Fund by leaving an offering on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.

COMMUNION MUSIC

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
arr. Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

We shall walk through the valley in peace. For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace. We will meet our loved ones there. For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there. For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

*HYMN 569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

MESSAGE

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in G BWV542
Johann Sebastian Bach

Nicholas 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
Tangie Hubbard
Cindy Jennings

Doris Kerlin
Mike Leonard
Jerry Light
Nancy Ricciardi

Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman
Helen Voyles
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Lynn Porter
January 27, 2024

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with
the family of Lynn Porter upon her death on January 27.
Ric and Annora Williams upon the death of Annora's mother on January 25.

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