

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
4th SUNDAY IN LENT | 11:00 AM | MARCH 10, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ
from Orgelbuchlein, Johann Sebastian Bach

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

I Need Thee Every Hour
Annie Hawks, Robert Lowry

The Chancel Choir

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord,
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee,
O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West
Assistant Minister of Children & Families

*HYMN 363

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

SAGINA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

Rev. West 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. West

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

MINISTRY MOMENT: UMCOR

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. West

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 2:1-10

Rev. West

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence 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.

*HYMN 396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Short

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts, arr. Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*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 25:31-46

Rev. West

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

"Being Great Neighbors: Service"

Rev. Short

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rev. Short

Steadfast God,
you reach out to us in mercy
even when we wander from your holy call.
Softener our hearts with the warmth of your love,
that we may know your Son alive within us
and calling us to serve as he served. **Amen.**

***HYMN 577**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune
John Carter

Mr. Bowden

*A one-point charge conference will be held following a brief intermission.
All may attend. FFUMC members are invited to vote.*

*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
Ingrid Shields

Brenda Tierman
Helen Voyles
Paul Wiley

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