

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
5th SUNDAY IN LENT | 11:00 AM | MARCH 17, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Meditation
Alexander DuPont

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 Families & Children

*HYMN 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*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.

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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."**

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

Psalm 119:9-16 CEB

Rev. West

- ⁹How can young people keep their paths pure?
By guarding them according to what you've said.
- ¹⁰I have sought you with all my heart.
Don't let me stray from any of your commandments!
- ¹¹I keep your word close, in my heart,
so that I won't sin against you.
- ¹²You, Lord, are to be blessed!
Teach me your statutes.
- ¹³I will declare out loud
all the rules you have spoken.
- ¹⁴I rejoice in the content of your laws
as if I were rejoicing over great wealth.
- ¹⁵I will think about your precepts
and examine all your paths.
- ¹⁶I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget what you have said.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. West

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Threefold Amen

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

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. West

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Light
Frances Allitsen, arr. Nick Bowden

Chancel Choir
Michael O'Hearn, Bass

*The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid.
And tho' there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.*

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle.
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me and set me up upon a rock of stone.
The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

***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

John 13:31-35 CEB

Rev. Short

³¹ When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son of Man in himself and will glorify him immediately. ³³ Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—'Where I'm going, you can't come.'

³⁴ "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. ³⁵ This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Being Great Neighbors: Witness"

Rev. Short

CHORAL RESPONSE

Thank You, Lord

Dan Burgess

Chancel Choir

Luanne Harms, Mezzo-Soprano

Thank you, Lord, for the trials that come my way,
in that way I can grow each day as I let you lead.
And thank you, Lord, for the patience those trials bring;
in that process of growing I can learn to care.

But it goes against the way I am to put my human nature down,
and let the spirit take control of all I do.
For when those trials come, my human nature shouts the thing to do;
and God's soft prompting can be easily ignored.

I thank you, Lord, with each trial I feel inside,
that you're there to help lead and guide me away from wrong.
For you promised, Lord, that with every testing
that your way of escaping is easiest to bear.

I thank you, Lord, for the victory that growing brings;
in surrender of everything life is so worthwhile.
And I thank you, Lord, that when everything's put in place,
out in front I can see your face and it's there you belong.

***HYMN 573**

O Zion Haste

TIDINGS

***BENEDICTION**

A prayer attributed to St. Patrick

Rev. Short and **People**

Christ be with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune
Jeremiah Clarke

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
Ingrid Shields

Brenda Tierman
Helen Voyles
Paul Wiley

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