

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
PALM SUNDAY | 11:00 AM | MARCH 24, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Elegy
Nicholas Bowden

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Director of Music & Organist

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**
Associate Minister

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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*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."**

ANTHEM

Hosanna! Blessed Is He That Comes
Carl Mueller

The Chancel Choir
The Children's Choir

*Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lawrence

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 118:19-29

Rev. Lawrence

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Drew West
Assistant Minister of Children & Families

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

Amen
Vincent Persichetti

Chancel Choir

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. West

OFFERTORY

God So Loved the World from **The Crucifixion**
John Stainer

Chancel Choir

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:16,17 (KJV)

*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

Mark 11:1-11

Rev. Short

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Let's Celebrate!"

Rev. Short

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rev. Short and **People**

Sovereign God,
You have established your rule over the human heart,
not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ.
Move us by your Spirit
to join the joyful procession
of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues
and praise him with their lives. Amen.

*HYMN 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

STORIES OF JESUS

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*POSTLUDE

Festive Alleluia
Dan Miller

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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