

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
3rd SUNDAY IN LENT | 11:00 AM | MARCH 3, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Adagio from **Sonata, No. 1**
Felix Mendelssohn

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music and Organist

INTROIT

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
George Matheson

Chancel Choir

*O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee,
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, purer be.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*HYMN 529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

INVITATION & CONFESSION

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.

PARDON

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

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.

RESPONSE

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

Ethan Rotz, Tenor
John Stainer

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)

*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."**

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES AND PASTORAL PRAYER

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

OFFERTORY

He Never Failed Me Yet
Robert Ray

Chancel Choir
Bob Lawrence, Baritone
Tina Wheatley, Soprano
Michael Berry, Percussion
Stephen Rotz, Piano

*I will sing of God's mercy, every day, every hour, He gives me power.
I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.
He is my God and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test.
Trust and never doubt! Jesus will surely bring you out!
He never failed me yet.*

*I know God is able to deliver in time of storm.
I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.
One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever bless'd.
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*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

Rev. Short

*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. 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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:3-8

Rev. Lawrence

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Being Great Neighbors: Gifts"

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

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

Thou Knowest, Lord
Henry Purcell

Chancel Choir

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty. O holy and most merciful Savior, thou most worthy Judge eternal. Suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

*HYMN 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

MOODY

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX
Benedetto Marcello

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in celebration of Steven Stinchcomb's birthday by Sam and Susan Burch.

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