

# *The Worship of God*

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church  
EASTER DAY | 11:00 AM | MARCH 31, 2024

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Church Sonata No. 3 in D, K.69  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Roxanne Golden, Guest Organist  
Nicholas Bowden, Conductor  
Director of Music & Organist

## INTROIT

*All That Hath Life and Breath*  
René Clausen

Chancel Choir

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Minister

Let us lift our voices to the God who triumphs over the grave and who offers life abundant.  
Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed!**  
Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed!**  
Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah! Amen!**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 302

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

## \*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.**

\*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. Lawrence

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

"The peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

### ANTHEM

*Look at the World*

John Rutter

Chancel Choir  
Children's Choir  
Joan Aycock, Director

*Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel every day.*

*Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.*

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation! Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things, come of thee.*

*Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;  
look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.*

*Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season till it is gathered to the Father's fold.*

*Every good gift, all that we need and cherish, comes from the Lord in token of his love.  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth and his the heavens above!*

### 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.**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Short

*Children are invited to return to seats after Children's Moment.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Rev. Drew West  
Assistant Minister of Families and Children

### OFFERTORY

*Worthy is the Lamb from* **Messiah**  
George Frideric Handel

Chancel Choir

### \*DOXOLOGY

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**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.**

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.

## GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

Rev. West and Rev. Lawrence

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"Easter People"

Rev. Short

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

## INTRODUCTION TO BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Today we present Sidney and Jocelyn for baptism.

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? If so say, "I do."

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? If so say, "I do."

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? If so say, "I do."

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? If so say, "I will."

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these two now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory. We pray this in the name of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

### **BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sisters in Christ.

## **Through baptism**

you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation  
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

## **RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

As members of Christ's universal Church,  
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,  
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? If so say, "I will."

## **RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION**

As members of this congregation,  
will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence,  
your gifts, your service and your witness? If so say, "I will."

## **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Members of the household of God,  
I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United  
Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the  
Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything  
God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*During the singing of "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"  
we invite all who wish to sing Handel's "Hallelujah!" Chorus  
to the chancel to sing with the choir. Please enter from the sides to receive music.*

## **\*HYMN 715**

### *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

**\*RESPONSE**

*Hallelujah* from **Messiah**  
George Frideric Handel

Chancel Choir and Guests

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Sinfonia* from **Cantata No. 29**  
Johann Sebastian Bach

Mr. Bowden  
Stephen Rotz, Conductor

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.



## *Easter Lilies 2024*

*Easter Lilies are given in honor or in memory of loved ones.  
Proceeds benefit the Fayetteville First UMC Flower Ministry.*

**In Honor of:**

Janie Raines & Pete Towell  
Will & Michael Lauter  
Kathleen Clark  
Elijah McDowell  
Mildred Fitzgerald  
The Agnew/Ray Family  
Carolyn & Roger Roberts  
Dixie, Betty, Kayo & Faye  
Mack, Harriett, Thomas, Meriam, & families  
Carol & Bill Webb  
Julie, Allen, Harry & Sara Nell Harp  
Bobby & Kathe Anderson  
Faye Livingston  
Dr. Frank & Deb Cole  
Peggy Leonard  
Mildred Fitzgerald  
Fran Scott  
Judy Reynolds  
Janie Raines  
Nick Bowden  
Chancel Choir  
My Church Family  
Becky & Larry Voyles  
Robertine & Raymond Mitchely  
The Flower Ministry  
Marie Lamb Circle  
Lynne Wood  
All Our Ushers  
Annora Williams  
Tommy & Susan Thompson  
Sam & Ginny Basseen  
My Family Past & Present  
FFUMC Youth Program  
Xander, Connor, & Thea  
Jeff & Kathie Hansen  
LuAnna Evans  
Laura Giglio

**Given by:**

Beverly Redd  
Mike & Camille Franklin  
Virginia Pope  
Ric & Annora Williams  
Charlie & Carol Pruett  
Lamar McEachern  
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Lamar McEachern & the Bob Collins Sr. family  
Nadine Anderson  
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Nadine Anderson & Anne Minter  
Michael Leonard  
Bob & Lynne Garrett  
Lauren Davis  
Donna Krilla  
Phyllis Williamson  
Charles Pinkerton  
Charles Pinkerton  
Janet Gazaway  
Diana Hatchett  
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Gary Wood  
Gary Wood  
Lynne Wood  
Jason, Alisha, Baine, Aida Lynn & Alexander Thompson  
Jason, Alisha, Baine, Aida Lynn & Alexander Thompson  
Royce Anderson  
Royce Anderson  
Nick & Allie Hansen  
Nick & Allie Hansen  
Tami & Tedd Kemberling  
Bonnie & Jeff Giglio

Dottie & Robbie Gray  
Justin & Sarah Lindsey  
Our Children & Grandchildren  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Germano  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Roberts  
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Anderson  
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Arrington  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Haymans  
Pat Dunn  
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Carol Partridge  
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James Watkins  
Thomas Everitt

### *In Memory of:*

Allen Shah  
Greta Hooson  
Martha Shelnut, O.W. Shelnut, Woody Shelnut  
Larry Croft  
Mabel Wilbanks  
Bob Partridge  
Bill Trice  
Julie C. Watson  
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Jimmy Tucker  
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Bill & Carol Webb  
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Carolyn & Roger Roberts  
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Larry & Linda Brannon

### *Given by:*

Karin Shah  
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Eleanor Albea  
Linda Croft  
Beverly Redd  
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Joe Watson  
Charles & Mickey Robinson  
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Mike & Camille Franklin  
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Dian & Steve Nelson  
Seth & Pat Osburn  
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 Laurie & Jay Burney  
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 Carol Ann Partridge & Family  
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 Carolyn & Roger Roberts  
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 Sam & Susan Burch  
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**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  
 Bettina McDowell  
 Ron McDowell  
 Ingrid Shields  
 Brenda Tierman

Helen Voyles  
 Paul Wiley

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God  
 and in memory of Charles and Evelyn Berrong by Bettina and Ron McDowell.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8:45 AM in Chapel 11:00 AM in Sanctuary and Online

All are welcome here!

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