

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
4th SUNDAY IN EASTER | 11:00 AM | APRIL 21, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Air from **Water Music**
George Frederick Handel

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
René Clausen

Chancel Choir

*All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord,
shout to the Lord, Alleluia! Praise Him, laud Him, Alleluia!*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West
Assistant Minister of Families & Children

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Statement of Faith
from the Korean Methodist Church*

Rev. West and People

We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.
We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.
We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.
We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.
We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. Amen.

***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."**

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 23

Rev. West

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

Lead Me, Guide Me

See insert

Congregation is invited to sing along with The Chancel Choir as directed.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Short 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 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

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

OFFERTORY

Could Not Do Without Thee
Craig Curry

Chancel Choir
Luanne Harms, Mezzo-Soprano

*I could not do without Thee, O Savior of the lost,
whose precious blood redeemed me, at such tremendous cost.*

*Thy righteousness, Thy pardon,
Thy precious blood must be my only hope and comfort, my glory and my plea.*

*I could not do without Thee, I cannot stand alone,
I have no strength or goodness, no wisdom of my own.*

*But Thou beloved Savior, art all in all to me,
and weakness will be power if leaning hard on Thee.*

*I could not do without Thee, O Jesus Savior dear,
e'en when my eyes are holden, I know that Thou art near.
How dreary and how lonely this changeful life would be
without the sweet communion, the secret rest with Thee.*

*I could not do without Thee, for years are fleeting fast,
and soon in solemn liveness the river must be passed.
But Thou will never leave me, and though the waves roll high,
I know Thou will be near me, and whisper "It is I."*

— Frances B. Havergal

*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

Acts 4:5-12

Rev. Lawrence

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

*"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone."*

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Rejected"

Rev. Short

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rev. Short and **People**

Gracious God,
you sent your Son into the world
that we might live through him.
May we find comfort in his risen life
so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another
and know the fullness of joy. **Amen.**

*HYMN 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

I AM THINE

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
John Rutter

Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven
John Rutter

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
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 celebration of the birthday of Lynne Garrett by her husband, Bob Garrett.

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Wednesdays through Saturdays 7 PM

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