

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

5th SUNDAY IN EASTER | 11:00 AM | APRIL 28, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Oh, How He Loves You and Me
Kurt Kaiser

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist
Rick Massengale, Piano

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
René Clausen

Chancel Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ALTERNATE TUNE: HYFRYDOL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Statement of Faith
from the Korean Methodist Church*

Rev. Lawrence 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.

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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."**

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

John 15:1-8

Rev. Lawrence

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them from **Messiah**
George-Frederick Handel

Joy Rotz, Soprano

*How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things.*
Romans 10:15

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Lawrence

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

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

The Rev. Drew West
Assistant Minister of Families & Children

*How vast His grace! How great His faithfulness! How deep His love! How rich His mercy!
How high His thoughts! How sure His wisdom! And all of these He gives to me.*

Refrain

*So I will praise Him with every breath; for He has rescued me from certain death.
And now this life I live, I live in Him. O let His glory shine while mine grows dim.*

How just His ways! (I was so lost...) How good His discipline! (with nowhere to turn...)

How pure His truth! (I never would have found my way...)

How kind His goodness! (without His hand...) How calm His peace! (He reached down for me...)

How long His patience! (I'll never understand...)

And all of these, (how all of these, yes, all of these) He gives to me.

How vast His power! How great His faithfulness! How grand His majesty! How deep his love!

How rich His majesty! How bright His glory! How high His thoughts! How strong His might!

How sure His wisdom! How clear His triumph!

How sure His triumph! And all of these, He gives to me.

*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

1 John 4:7-21

Rev. West

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Love Is an Action"

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 165

Hallelujah! What a Savior

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin

Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in G
J.S. Bach

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
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Helen Voyles
April 18, 2024

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Larry and Becky Voyles upon the death of Larry's mother, Helen Voyles, on April 18.

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,
and in memory of Bob's mother, Mary Garrett.

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