

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

2nd SUNDAY IN EASTER | 11:00 AM | APRIL 7, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Christ lag in todesbanden BWV 625
Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. Judy Hames
Organ

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
René Clausen

Chancel Choir
Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

*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. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*HYMN 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

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.

*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."

OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Rev. Drew West
Assistant Minister of Families and Children

OFFERTORY

The Angels Rolled the Stone Away
Jester Hairston

Chancel Choir

*O the angels rolled the stone away! O the angels rolled stone away!
'Twas on that Easter Sunday mornin', Lord that the angel rolled the stone away (great God a'mighty!)
Sister Mary she came runnin' - just about the break of day -
She was bringin' news from heaven - that the angels rolled the stone away!
Said the angel "He is not here - He is risen as He said -
Why seek ye the livin' out here among the dead?"
Jesus said "Touch me not Mary - but go on ahead of me,
Go and tell all my disciples to meet me in Galilee."
Brother Thomas He came runnin' - and his eyes were open wide -
Jesus said "Man if you doubt me, put your hand right in my side!"*

*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. 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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

Rev. West

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you

believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"I Doubt That"

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.

*HYMN 322

Up From the Grave He Arose

CHRIST AROSE

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*POSTLUDE

Festival 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
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 father and husband, Grady "Sonny" Hatchett, by Janet Gazaway and Diana Hatchett.

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