

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
EASTER DAY | 11:00 AM | APRIL 20, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Concerto No. 3 "Brandenburg"
Johann Sebastian Bach

Carolyn Hancock, violin
Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

Joyful, Joyful
arr. Johnnie Carl

The Chancel Choir
HYMN TO JOY

ALL SINGING: PLEASE STAND

Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

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!

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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

Rev. West and People

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**

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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. West

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
"The peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

ANTHEM

I Will Sing with the Spirit
John Rutter

The Chancel Choir
Fayette Young Singers & Junior Choir
Rick Massengale, Guest Organist

*I will sing with the spirit; Alleluia!
And I will sing with the understanding also; Alleluia!*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-24

Jeff Hansen

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Charles Robinson and **People**
Minister of Nurture

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Robinson 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.

OFFERTORY

Achieved at Last the Glorious Work from **The Creation**
Franz-Joseph Haydn

The 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.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**
Associate Minister

Living God,
long ago, faithful women
proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection,
and the world was changed forever.
Teach us to keep faith with them,
that our witness may be as bold,
our love as deep,
and our faith as true. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12 (CEB)

Rev. Lawrence

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. ⁵The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words. ⁹When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. ¹²But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

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ANTHEM

The Holy City
Stephen Adams

Sam Burch, Baritone

SERMON

"What a Difference"

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

During the singing of "He Lives," 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 310

He Lives

ACKLEY

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.

*He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

*In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last. **Refrain**
Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind. **Refrain***

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***RESPONSE**

*Hallelujah from **Messiah**
George-Frederick Handel*

Chancel Choir and Guests
Stephen Rotz, Conductor

***POSTLUDE**

*Toccata on **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**
arr. Diane Bish*

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Violins: Carolyn Hancock, Anastasia Agrapova Viola: Yiyin Li Cello: Barney Culver
Bass: Leonardo Lopes Timpani: Zach Gorman

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Linda Brannon
Nancy Byers
Karen Davis

Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard
Jerry Light
Bettina McDowell

Ron McDowell
Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman
Pete Towell

Paul Wiley

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

Church Directory
Photographs
May 8-11

Graduation Sunday
May 18

Vacation Bible School
Road Trip
June 2-6

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