

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
2nd Sunday After Easter | 11:00 AM | APRIL 27, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Melody in Mauve
Richard Purvis

Dr. Judy Hames
Organ

*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 TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 181

Ye Servants of God

HANOVER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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

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

Risen Christ,
be with us as these scriptures are read and we turn our minds and our hearts to you.
Startle and surprise us with your truth.
Grant us wisdom as you open us to your wondrous love.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 16

Florence Prine

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- ² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
- ³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
- ¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- ¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN 322**

Up From the Grave He Arose

CHRIST AROSE

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Robinson

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

Joy in the Morning
Natalie Sleeth

The Chancel Choir

*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. West

Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Wonders of Worship in Room B225.

Younger children are invited to attend with a parent.

Children 3rd grade and older are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary for the service.

The nursery is available for infants through 3 years.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Wonder and Awe"

Rev. Lawrence

MINISTRY CONSECRATION: GREEN TEAM

Rev. Lawrence

*HYMN 307

Christ Is Risen

W ZLOBIE LEZY

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Lawrence

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You Forever

Choir and **People**
EDELWEISS

***May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever!
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.***

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata from **Symphony No. 5**
Charles-Marie Widor

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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

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Graduation Sunday
May 18

Vacation Bible School
Road Trip
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