

# *The Worship of God*

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church  
5th Sunday in Lent | 11:00 AM | April 6, 2025

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Sicilienne  
Maria Theresia von Paradis

Nicholas Bowden  
Director of Music & Organist

## INTROIT

God So Loved the World from **The Crucifixion**  
John Strainer

The Chancel Choir

*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through Him might be saved.*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Minister

## \*HYMN 126

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

## \*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. Short 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.*

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.**

## \*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. Short and **People**

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

OFFERTORY

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
arr. Gilbert Martin

The Chancel Choir

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.  
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

\*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.**

HYMN

*We Are the Church*

The Junior Choir and **People**  
Joan Aycock, Director

Refrain

*I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

*The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. Refrain*

*I count if I am 90, or 9, or just a baby.  
There's one thing I am sure about, and I don't mean maybe.*

Congregation joins refrain

**I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Drew West  
Minister of Families and Children

*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. Short

**Artist of souls,  
you sculpted a people for yourself  
out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.  
Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity,  
that the discipline of these forty days  
may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship,  
and wet our thirst for the living water you offer  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Most Important Words: I Love You"

Rev. West

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.**

...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.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, 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 for-  
give 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.

At Communion: *Kyrie* from **Requiem** by Maurice Duruflé

The Chancel Choir

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.*

Translation: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy.

## \*HYMN 399

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

MESSIAH

## \*BENEDICTION

Rev. West

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

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

EDELWEISS

All singing

***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

*Festival Flourishes*  
Ovid Young

Marty Alexander organ

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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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  
Paul Wiley



WEEKENDER

Palm Sunday  
Messy Church/Egg Hunt  
Choir Lenten Concert  
April 13

Holy Week  
Maundy Thursday, 7 PM  
Good Friday, 7 PM  
April 17-18

Easter Celebration  
Services  
6:45, 8:45, 11:00 AM  
April 20



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