

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
4th Sunday of Easter | 11:00 AM | May 11, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Adagio
William Noll

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 TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Lawrence

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

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. Lawrence

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

BABY RECOGNITION

Deb Cole
UWF Vice President

ANTHEM

How Beautiful
Twila Paris

Luanne Harms, Mezzo-Soprano

*How beautiful, the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hills to the cross.
How beautiful. How beautiful. How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*How beautiful the heart that bled that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful. How beautiful. How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*And as He laid down His life we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as he died;
willing to pay the price; willing to pay the price.*

*How beautiful the radiant Bride who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.
How beautiful. How beautiful. How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful. How beautiful. How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

**God of victory,
your Son revealed himself again and again,
and convinced his followers of his glorious resurrection.
Grant that we may know his risen presence,
and care for all his flock,
until we join the hosts of heaven in worshiping you and praising him. Amen.**

FIRST READING

John 10:22-30

Dr. George McKelvy

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Short 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

Creation Will Be at Peace
Anna Laura Page

The Chancel Choir

*In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife shall cease;
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,
their young will play together; a little child will lead.
In the holy mountain...
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more; a little child will lead them all.
In the holy mountain...*

***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'S MOMENT

Rev. Short

*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 9:36-43

Rev. Robinson

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

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SERMON

"Good Works and Acts of Charity"

Rev. Short

***HYMN 364**

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter J. Lutkin

The Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

***POSTLUDE**

The Rejoicing from Fireworks Music
G. F. Handel

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in honor of Alli Short, Cindy Gantz, and Susan Short by Rev. Kaylen Short.

Mission U
United Women in Faith
May 17

Graduation Sunday
May 18

Vacation Bible School
Road Trip
June 2-6

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