

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
5th Sunday of Easter | 11:00 AM | May 18, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Melody in Mauve
Richard Purvis

Dr. Judy Hames
Organ

*INTROIT

Hymn of Fellowship
John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir and **People**

*In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.*

All singing: (please stand)

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but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

*WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

2019 Confirmation Class Creed

Rev. Robinson and **People**

**We believe God created the universe; everything here is created by God.
Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus is our Lord and Savior.**

**We believe Jesus died on the cross for us; Jesus rose from the dead.
Through his death and resurrection, our sins can be forgiven.**

**We acknowledge that evil is present in our lives;
We should turn away from evil.
We believe that God loves us even with our impurities and sins.**

**We believe when we acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness
we receive God's grace and our sins are forgiven.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit empowers us;
The Holy Spirit guides us to do good by striving to be better people.**

**We want to serve the Lord;
We want to do good and spread the good word;
We believe we should show our relationship with God through our actions.**

***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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

EDWARD N. TRAVIS SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Dr. George McKelvy

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Robinson

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Robinson and **People**

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 worshipping you and praising him. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 148

Kathie Hansen

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- ² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
- ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
- ⁶ He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
- ⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- ¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- ¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence 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

How Excellent Is Your Name
John McKay

The Chancel Choir

*Jesus. How excellent is your name.
At your name every knee shall bow.
At your name every tongue shall confess.
At your name all heaven rejoices.
How excellent is your name. Jesus.*

*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 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

John 13:31-35

Rev. Lawrence

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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SERMON

"The Work of Love"

Rev. Short

MISSION CONSECRATION: YOUTH APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT

Rev. Short

*HYMN 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

*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 you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

*POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso from **Water Music**
George-Frederick 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

Rose Show
FFUMC Gym
May 18, Noon - 4

Vacation Bible School
Road Trip
June 2-6

Lay Servant Ministry
Basic Course
June 18 & 25

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Fridays, Saturdays 7 PM; Thursdays, 7:30 AM
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