

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
6th Sunday of Easter | 11:00 AM | May 25, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Prelude in d BWV 554
Johann Sebastian Bach

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

*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)

**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.**

*WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

READING

In Flanders Fields

Rev. Robinson

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 696

America the Beautiful

MATERNA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Chase Leonard

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. Robinson

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Chase Leonard 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 worshiping you and praising him. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 46

Faye Moulton

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth."
¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

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

Be Still

The Chancel Choir

Hank Beebe

*Be still, and know that I am God, I will be exalted in the nations:
I will be exalted in the earth. Be still and know that I am God.*

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolation he has made in the earth,
he maketh wars to cease on the earth, He breaketh the bow,
He cutteth the spear, He burneth the chariot.
Be still ...
The Lord of hosts is with us, The God of Jacob is our refuge.
Be still...

*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

Chase Leonard

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 16:9-15

Chase Leonard

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Sounds Like a Plan"

Rev. Robinson

*HYMN 571

Go Make of All Disciples

LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Robinson

*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.**

*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
Paul Wiley

In Memoriam
Pete Towell
May 15, 2025

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with
Janie Raines and family upon the death of Pete Towell on May 15.

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in memory of Mabel Wilbanks by Beverly Redd.

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Vacation Bible School
Road Trip
June 2-6

Hymns & Gospel
Songs Concert
June 22

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

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