

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

8th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | August 3, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Aria
Nicholas Bowden

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Director of Music & Organist
Carolyn Hancock, Violin

INTROIT

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place
Gordon Young

The Summer Choir

*Let heavenly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heaven be heard;
let one grand song of praise resound, one alleluia!
Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard;
let anthems grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia!
O may we join the heavenly choir that through the ages will sing on;
in praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia!*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

*HYMN 98

To God Be the Glory

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*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. Robinson 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. Robinson

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Drew West
Minister to Families and Children

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. West

OFFERTORY

All of These
Craig Curry

The Summer Choir
Lily Morgan, Soprano

*How vast His grace; How great His faithfulness;
How deep His love; How rich His mercy;
How high His thoughts; How sure His wisdom;
And all of these He gives to me.*

Refrain:

*So I will praise Him with every breath
For He has rescued me from certain death.
And now this life I live I live in Him.
Oh let His glory shine while mine grows dim.*

*How just His ways; How good His discipline;
How pure His truth; How kind His goodness;
How calm His peace; How long His patience;
And all of these He gives to me. Refrain*

*How vast His grace; How great His faithfulness (How grand His majesty);
How deep His love; How rich His mercy (How bright His glory);
How high His thoughts (How strong His might); How sure His wisdom (How clear His triumph);
And all of these He gives to me. Refrain*

*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 AND BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Rev. West

*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. Robinson and **People**

**Generous Giver,
you pour forth your extravagant bounty
upon your whole creation.
Teach us such generosity,
that the fruits of our spirits
and the works of our hands may be used
for the building of your Kingdom of blessing. Amen.**

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"More, More, More"

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

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 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.**

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.

*HYMN 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

MESSIAH

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*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

Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Carolyn Hancock, violin

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis
Dottie Gray
Martha Hale

Tangie Hubbard
Lawrence Otwell
Ingrid Shields

Dan Springer
Dick Webb
Paul Wiley

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in memory of Ronald Todd Chamlee by Judy and Wayne Reynolds.



WEEKENDER

Let's Do Lunch
Speaker: Diana Cowan
August 9, Noon

Rise Against Hunger
Meal Packing Event
Lunch and Packing
Sunday, August 17

Great Day of Service
Save the Date
Saturday
September 20



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