

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

9th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | August 10, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

O, the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus
arr. Karrin Ford

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

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 368

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

THE SOLID ROCK

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Robinson and **People**

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."**

ANTHEM

Bless This House
May H. Brae

Lily Morgan, Soprano
Deb Cole, Mezzo-Soprano
Suzie Lusk, Alto

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Kaylen Short and **People**
Senior Minister

God of Abraham and Jesus,
you invite your people
to contemplate heavenly things
and urge us toward faith in you.
May your coming among us
find our doors open,
our tables set,
and all your people ready to greet you. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 33:12-22

Joe Goodwin

- ¹² *Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.*
- ¹³ *The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.*
- ¹⁴ *From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—*
- ¹⁵ *he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.*
- ¹⁶ *A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.*
- ¹⁷ *The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.*
- ¹⁸ *Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,*
- ¹⁹ *to deliver their soul from death
and to keep them alive in famine.*
- ²⁰ *Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.*
- ²¹ *Our heart is glad in him
because we trust in his holy name.*
- ²² *Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.*

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Short

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

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Tom Fettke

The Summer Choir

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 & BIBLE PRESENTATION

The Rev. Drew West
Minister to Families and Children

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.

Leader to the Children:

Friends in Christ, receive these Bibles.

The scriptures are a faithful witness, pointing beyond their pages to Jesus Christ, the Living Word—God's love for you and for all creation.

As you read and hear these stories,
you will meet the One who calls you,
and God's Spirit will shape your life,
teaching you to trust in Christ
and to remember that we belong to God and one another.

Children respond:

We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.

We give thanks to God.

We will read and study these words together, that we may grow in grace and faith,
and live in God's love, sharing that love with the world.

Congregation to the Children:

**We rejoice with you
in this step on your journey of faith.
With God's help,
we promise to guide you and to learn with you
as you read from your Bible.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

Rev. West

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

SERMON

"Bold Hope"

Rev. Short

*HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*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

Prelude in Classic Style
Gordon Young

Mr. Bowden

*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

Lyn Woodham

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
by Daniel, Kristen, Kylie, Keegan, Turbo & Bear, in honor of Charlotte 'Nana' McAdams' birthday week



WEEKENDER

Youth and Parent
Meeting & Disciple I
Kickoff Meeting
August 13

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

Wednesday Night
Night Fellowship Dinner
and Programs Begin
August 20



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