

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
10th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | August 17, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Elegy
George Thalben-Ball

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

Hymn of Fellowship
John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

*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.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Short 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. Short

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Susan Landry
See insert.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Short and **People**

God of justice,
your word is light and truth.
Let your face shine on us to restore us,
that we may walk in your way,
seeking justice and doing good. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 80:8-19

Florence Prine

- ⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;
¹¹ it sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.
¹² Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.
¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven and see;
have regard for this vine,
¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted.
¹⁶ It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
¹⁷ But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
¹⁹ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Drew West
Minister to Families and Children

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. West 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

Immortal, Invisible
Eric H. Thiman

The Chancel Choir

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

*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. West

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 1:6-8

Rev. West

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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

SERMON

"How This Goes"

Rev. Short

MISSION CONSECRATION: RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Rev. Short

*HYMN 569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

MESSAGE

*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

Fugue in g (the 'Little')
Johann Sebastian Bach

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
Ed Richardson
Ingrid Shields

Dan Springer
Terry Wallace
Dick Webb

Paul Wiley

**The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in memory of Mike and his parents KW and Martha McElwaney.**



WEEKENDER

Wednesday Night
Fellowship Dinner
Potluck – Bring Side Dish
August 20

Wednesday Night
Programs Begin
Adults, Youth, Kids
August 20

SAGE Trip
Historic Courthouse Tour
Village Café Lunch
August 21



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