

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

11th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | August 24, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

He Hideth My Soul
arr. Harold DeCou

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. Drew West
Minister to Families and Children

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. West 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. West

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. West and **People**

**Loving God,
open our ears to hear your word
and draw us closer to you,**

that the whole world may be one with you
as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 71:1-6

Arlene McGruder

- ¹ In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
³ Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
⁶ From my birth I have leaned upon you,
my protector since my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

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

On Eagles' Wings
Michael Jonas, arr. Mark Hayes

The Chancel Choir
Marty Alexander, Piano

*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And He will...

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

And He will...

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

And He will...

For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will...
In God's hand.

***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

Luke 13:10-17

Rev. Short

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water?" ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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SERMON

"Hypocrites"

Rev. Short

***HYMN 261**

Lord of the Dance

LORD OF THE DANCE

***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.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis
Martha Hale

Tangie Hubbard
Ed Richardson

Ingrid Shields
Dan Springer

Dick Webb
Paul Wiley

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WEEKENDER

Titus II
Lunch & Learn
Carol Cain Storyteller
Tuesday, September 2

Children's Ministry
Special Needs Ministry
Safe Sanctuary Training
Noon, September 7

Great Day of Service
9 AM - 12:30 PM
Saturday, September 20
Local Ministry Projects



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