

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

12th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | August 31, 2025

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Gavotte  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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

Chase Leonard

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Mr. Leonard 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

Mr. Leonard

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

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Charles Robinson  
Minister of Nurture

**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 81:1, 10-16

Joe Goodwin

- <sup>1</sup> Sing aloud to God our strength;  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- <sup>10</sup> I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- <sup>11</sup> "But my people did not listen to my voice;  
Israel would not submit to me.
- <sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.
- <sup>13</sup> O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- <sup>14</sup> Then I would quickly subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.
- <sup>15</sup> Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,  
and their doom would last forever.
- <sup>16</sup> I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

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

*Every Valley*  
John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

*Ev'ry valley shall be exalted and ev'ry mountain made low,  
and the crooked made straight and the rough places plain.  
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.  
Amen.*

## \*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

Mr. 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

Jeremiah 2:4-13

The Rev. Drew West  
Minister to Families and Children

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me  
and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

<sup>6</sup> They did not say, "Where is the Lord,  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?"

<sup>7</sup> I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.  
But when you entered you defiled my land  
and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal  
and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore once more I accuse you,  
says the Lord,  
and I accuse your children's children.

<sup>10</sup> Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look;  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup> Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?  
But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

<sup>12</sup> Be appalled, O heavens, at this;  
be shocked; be utterly desolate,  
says the Lord,

<sup>13</sup> for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

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

SERMON

"What Can Sustain Us"

Rev. West

\*HYMN 166

All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine

SINE NOMINE

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. West

\*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

Emperor's Fanfare  
Anton Soler

Mr. Bowden

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis  
Sally Dunham  
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 Eric Norris Reynolds by Judy and Wayne Reynolds.



WEEKENDER

SAGE Trip  
Tour of Monastery  
of the Holy Spirit  
September 5

Lunch & Learn  
Children's Ministry  
Special Needs Ministry  
Noon, September 7

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



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