

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

Third Sunday in Lent | 11:00 AM | March 8, 2026

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Petite Prelude*  
Joseph Jongen

Nicholas Bowden  
Minister of Music

## INTROIT

*Make a Joyful Noise*  
John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson  
Minister of Nurture

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 89

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Robinson

**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.**

## \*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."**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Robinson

**Eternal God,  
Pour your love into our hearts,  
that, refreshed and renewed,  
we may be remade by the Living water  
given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Pastor

## 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

*He Will Hold Me Fast*  
Matt Merker, arr. Felix Mendelssohn

The Chancel Choir

## \*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 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

John 4:18-42

Rev. West

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 479

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Peter J. Lutkin

The Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you  
and be gracious unto you and give you peace. Amen.*

\*POSTLUDE

Praise Him, Praise Him!  
Fanny Crosby arr. J. Martin Alexander

Marty Alexander  
Associate Organist

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis  
Dick Webb

Martha Hale  
Paul Wiley

Tangie Hubbard



WEEKENDER

**Methodist Men's Meeting**  
**March 10**  
**6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Mozart Requiem Concert**  
**March 22**  
**7:00 P.M. - 10 P.M.**  
**Sanctuary**

**Easter Flower**  
**Orders Due**  
**March 30**



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