

# *The Worship of God*

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday of Easter | 11:00 AM | April 12, 2026

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Aria

Mr. Nicholas Bowden  
Minister of Music & Organist

## INTROIT

*All That Has Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord*  
Rene' Clausen

The Chancel Choir

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands!  
Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing.  
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Psalm 100*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West  
Minister of Children and Families

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 312

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

LLANFAIR

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. West

**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. West

*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

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Dr. George McKelvy

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

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

## \*HYMN 322

*Up from the Grave He Arose*

CHRIST AROSE

## 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

*At the Name of Jesus*  
by Cindy Berry

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'S MOMENT

Rev. Robinson

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 20:19-31

Rev. Robinson

For When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON***"Too Good to be True"*

Rev. West

**\*HYMN 462***'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

TRUST IN JESUS

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. West

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE****May the Lord, Mighty God**

(To the tune of Edelweiss)

The Chancel Choir

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever,  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

**\*POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

N. Bowden

Mr. Bowden

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Sally Archer  
Tangie Hubbard

Karen Davis  
Dick Webb

Martha Hale  
Paul Wiley

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Susan Burch's Birthday on April 15 by Sam Burch.



WEEKENDER

Great Day of Service  
April 18

Messy Church  
April 25  
11:00 A.M - 1:00 P.M.

Vacation Bible School  
Snowball Mountain  
June 22-26



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

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