

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday of Easter | 11:00 AM | April 19, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Miserere from **The Passion of St. Matthew**
Johann Sebastian Bach

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music & Organist

INTROIT

Joyful, Joyful
arr. Johnnie Carl

The Chancel Choir
HYMN TO JOY

ALL SINGING: PLEASE STAND

*Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Short

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. Short

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

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus
Arr. Hall Johnson

Jayme Ailaw, Soprano

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

Psalm 116:12-19

Joe Goodwin

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord;
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

The Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears; Before the throne, my surety stands; My name is written on his hands. My name is written on his hands, received on Calvary, they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me; "Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry, "nor let the ransomed sinner die." My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear, He owns his child, I can no longer fear; With confidence I now draw nigh, and "Abba, Father," cry. Arise, my soul, arise!" -Charles Wesley

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

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

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 24:13-35

Rev. West

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

SERMON

"Keep The Fire Burning"

Rev. Short

***HYMN 454**

Open My Eyes that I May See

OPEN MY EYES

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you
and give you peace,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
Peter J. Lutkin*

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata on FESTALSONG
Robert Hebble

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Sally Archer
Tangie Hubbard

Karen Davis
Dick Webb

Martha Hale
Paul Wiley

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Lynne Garrett's birthday April 23, with love from Bob, Natalie & Rob.



WEEKENDER

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

24 Hours of Prayer
May 7th

Vacation Bible School
Snowball Mountain
June 22-26



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