

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

EASTER | 11:00 AM | APRIL 5, 2026

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Church Sonata NO. 3 D.K.69  
Wolfgang-Amadeus Mozart

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 AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West  
Minister of Families and Children

Let us lift our voices to the God who triumphs over the grave and who offers life abundant.

Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed!**

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Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah! Amen!**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!  
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!  
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!  
Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

## \*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

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**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.”**

### ANTHEM

*The Holy City*  
Stephen Adams

Sam Burch, Baritone

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. West and People

**Resurrecting God, you conquered death  
and opened the gates of life everlasting.  
In the power of the Holy Spirit, raise us with Christ  
that we, too, may proclaim  
healing and peace to the nations. Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Rev. West

*Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”*

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

### CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Charles Robinson and People  
Minister of Nurture

### 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

*Worthy is the Lamb from Messiah*  
George-Frederick Handel

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. West

*Children are invited to return to their seats after Children's Moment.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

## SERMON

## "I Have Seen The Lord"

Rev. Short

During the singing of "He Lives," we invite all who wish to sing Handel's "Hallelujah!" Chorus to the chancel to sing with the choir. Please enter from the sides to receive music.

## \*HYMN 310

## He Lives

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I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

## Refrain

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me, Along life's narrow way.  
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

*In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last. Refrain*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. Refrain*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

**\*RESPONSE**

*Hallelujah* from **Messiah**  
George-Frederick Handel

Chancel Choir and Guests  
Stephen Rotz, Conductor

**\*POSTLUDE**

Toccata from *Symphony #5*  
arr. Charles-Marie Widor

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  
Martha Hale

Tangie Hubbard  
Bobby Mobley

Dick Webb  
Paul Wiley

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April 18

Messy Church  
April 25  
11:00-1:00

Vacation Bible School  
Snowball Mountain  
June 22-26

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