

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER | 11:00 AM | MAY 3, 2026

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Gavotte*  
arr. Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Nicholas Bowden  
Minister of Music & Organist

## INTROIT

*All That Hath Life & Breathe Praise Ye the Lord*  
arr. Rene Clausen

The Chancel Choir

(ALL SINGING)

*All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,  
shout to the Lord, alleluia!*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West  
Minister of Children and Families

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 73

*O Worship the King*

LYONS

## \*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. West and People

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Let us pray together:*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. 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."**

## ANTHEM

*Jesus, I Am Resting*  
arr. Ovid Young

Nancy Lindsey, Soprano  
Brian Lindsey, Tenor

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Minister

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Short

## OFFERTORY

*Sing Unto God from Judas Maccabeus*  
George-Frederick Handel

The Chancel Choir

*Sing unto God, and high affections raise,  
to crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.*

## \*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 seats after Children's Moment.  
No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Charles Robinson and People

**Oh God,  
Guide us in the path of discipleship,  
so that, as you have blessed us,  
we may be a blessing for others,  
bringing the promise of the kingdom near  
by our words and deeds. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

*John 14:1-14*

Rev. Robinson

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who

dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*"The Way"*

Rev. Short

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

You are invited to contribute to the Benevolence Fund by leaving an offering on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Agnus Dei  
John Leavitt

The Chancel Choir

O Agnus dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Amen.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

\*HYMN 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Lord, Mighty God  
EDELWEISS

The Chancel Choir

(all singing)

**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

Toccata  
John Weaver

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  
Tangie Hubbard

Martha Hale  
Dick Webb

Paul Wiley



24 Hours of Prayer  
May 7th

Youth and Children's  
Sabbath  
May 17th at 11:00  
Sanctuary

Vacation Bible School  
Snowball Mountain  
June 22-26

WEEKENDER



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