

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | July 19, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Hymn Improvisations
arr. Harold DeCou

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music & Organist

*INTROIT

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place
Gordon Young

The Summer Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*OPENING HYMN 545

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*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.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Minister

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.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 you discern my thoughts from far away.
 You search out my path and my lying down
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
 Even before a word is on my tongue,
 O Lord, you know it completely.
 You hem me in, behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?
 Or where can I flee from your presence?
 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
 if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
 If I take the wings of the morning
 and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
 even there your hand shall lead me,
 and your right hand shall hold me fast.
 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
 and night wraps itself around me,"
 even the darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day,
 for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
 Wonderful are your works;
 that I know very well.

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

***HYMN 378**

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Keith

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Keith 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

Just As I Am
 arr. Nicholas Bowden

The Summer Choir

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God I come, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*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

Dana Lamb
Minister to 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 15: 11-32

Rev. Keith

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

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

SERMON

"Read It Again: Homecoming"

Rev. Short

*HYMN 143

On Eagle's Wings

ONE EAGLE'S WINGS

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord's My Shepherd
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The Summer Choir

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie; in pastures green
he leadeth me; the quiet waters by.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forever more my dwelling place shall be.

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven
John Rutter

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in bold type.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis
Al Guice

Tangie Hubbard
Martha Hale

Dick Webb
Paul Wiley



WEEKENDER

Flood Bucket Collections July 5th - July 26th	Messy Church Back to School Block Party July 25th 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Rise Against Hunger Sunday, August 16 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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