

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | JULY 5, 2026

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*I Vow To Thee, My Country*  
Gustav Holst

Nicholas Bowden  
Minister of Music & Organist

## INTROIT

*Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place*  
Gordon Young

The Summer Choir

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson  
Minister of Nuture

## \*OPENING HYMN 698

*God of the Ages*

NATIONAL HYMN

## \*INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Rev. Robinson 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. Robinson

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

"The peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

## ANTHEM

*Statue of Liberty*  
Neil Enlowe

Brian Lindsey, Tenor

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Minister

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Short

## OFFERTORY

*From Sea to Shining Sea*  
Samuel J. Ward

The Summer Choir

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed  
by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm Thy in self - control, Thy  
liberty in law.*

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

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Robinson and People

**We rejoice, O Christ,  
for in your tender compassion  
you shoulder our burdens and ease our heavy hearts.  
Give us the strength to carry each other  
as you have carried us. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:16-30

Rev. Robinson

*But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling  
to one another,*

*We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'*

*For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came  
eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and  
sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.*

*Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because  
they did not repent. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done  
in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and  
ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for  
you." And you, Capernaum,*

*will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.*

*For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this  
day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than*

for you.

*At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*"Be Teachable"*

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.

### \*HYMN 519

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord's My Shepherd*  
CRIMOND

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

*Jubilate*  
Gordon Young

Mr. Bowden

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Wayne Carr  
Karen Davis

Al Guice  
Tangie Hubbard

Martha Hale  
Dick Webb

Paul Wiley  
Phyllis Williamson



WEEKENDER

**Blood Drive**  
**Sunday July 12th**  
**8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Rev. Allison Keith**  
**Welcome Reception**  
**July 12th**  
**12:00 pm**

**Messy Church**  
**Back to School Block Party**  
**July 25th**  
**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**



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