

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

11th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | August 9, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Hymn Improvisations

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music

INTROIT

Let heavenly music fill this place
Gordon Young

The Summer Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

*HYMN 98

To God be the Glory

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Robinson 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

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."**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Robinson and People

Eternal God,
you are present with us in the gift of community throughout our lives.
May we learn to live together in unity,
that in all we do,
we may sing your praises now and forever. Amen.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Minister

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

Many Gifts, One Spirit
Alan Pote

Summer Choir

Many gifts, one spirit, Many songs, one voice,
Many reasons, one promise, Many questions, one choice.

O, God, we pray for unity, Give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us, In the circle of your love.

O, God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways,
We are walking to your throne. Help us learn to love each other,
Show us ways to understand. We are members of one family,
Growing strong by joining hands.

O, God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways,
We are walking to your throne. Take our many ways of working,
Blend the colors of each soul, Into the beauty of a rainbow.
Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Rev. Keith

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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

SERMON

"Read It Again: Belonging"

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

***HYMN 114**

Many Gifts, One Spirit

KATHERINE

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord's My Shepherd

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
Gil Martin

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

Beverly Mobley
Dick Webb

Paul Wiley

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are presented by Karin Shah to the glory of God and in memory of Allen Shah.



WEEKENDER

Youth and Parent
Children and Parent
Kickoff Meeting
August 12th

Rise Against Hunger
Sunday, August 16th
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday Night Supper
Resumes
August 19th



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