

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

16th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | September 13, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Flute Solo
Thomas Arne

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
Rene' Clausen

The Chancel Choir

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord.
Shout to the Lord, Alleluia! Praise him, Laud him;
Alleluia!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Minister

*HYMN 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Keith 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. Keith

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
"The peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - STERLING KEMBER EVANS AND PAULINE LUCILE SCHOTT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Keith and **People**

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.

FIRST READING

Psalm 103:1-13

Melissa Borchardt

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.*

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Charles Robinson
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

More Love
Shaker Hymn arr. Sid Davis

The Chancel Choir

More love, more love; the heavens are blessing, the angels are calling,
O Zion, more love. If ye love not each other in daily communion, how can ye love God,
whom ye have not seen? More love...

***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

Matthew 18:21-35

Rev. Keith

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

SERMON

"Don't Pay It Back, Pay It Forward"

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

*HYMN 365

Grace Greater than Our Sin

MOODY

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter J. Lutkin

The Chancel Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Rondeau in D Major
David Lasky

J. Martin Alexander
Organist

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

Please remember in your prayers:

Brian Collins
Karen Davis

Tangie Hubbard
Martha Hale

Beverly Mobley
Joyce Ramsey

Will Sneed
Paul Wiley

The altar flowers are given by the family in loving memory of Mildred Fitzgerald, whose 109th birthday would have been September 17. She passed away last September, nine days after her 108th birthday.



WEEKENDER

Second Sunday Seminar
September 13th
12:15 pm

UWF Sunday
September 20th
11:00 am

Messy Church
Saturday September 26th
11:00 am - 1:00 pm



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