

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

17th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | September 20, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Air from **Suite No. 3**
Johann Sebastian Bach

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

*INTROIT

Joyful, Joyful
arr. Johnnie Carl

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love. Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the stars above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. Amen!

*WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Minister

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Margaret Whitaker 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

Margaret Whitaker

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

ANTHEM

In the Name of the Lord
Gloria Gaither

Savannah Cathey
Soprano

Loving God, our hearts overflow with gratitude
for the beautiful tapestry of voices you weave through your church.
Today we celebrate with joy the women you have called
whose courage, wisdom, and strength have blessed us all.
As we gather in your presence,
open our hearts wide to receive your Word,
that we may flourish together as a beloved community.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Beth Refuss

*O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.
He spread a cloud for a covering
and fire to give light by night.
They asked, and he brought quails
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.
He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.
For he remembered his holy promise
and Abraham, his servant.
So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.
He gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,
that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.
Praise the Lord!*

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH REFLECTIONS

Mickey Robinson

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

Greet the Dawning
Jan Sanborn

Parker Olsen
Percussion

Greet the dawning, greet the morning, greet the Lord with a joyful song. Day's beginning, start with singing, gather with the joyous throng. Greet the sunrise, everyone rise to your feet, the Lord is here. High and holy, praise him solely, his creation now revere. Greet the dawning, greet the morning, greet the Lord with joyful song. Day's beginning, start with singing, gather with the joyous throng. Without making a sound, all nature is showing its love for him, in a song without words. Without saying a word, all creatures are singing their praise to him, their hearts have been stirred. Without saying a word, the organ is playing a hymn to him, let its music be heard. You who love him, come with singing, use your powers to give him praise. Join your voices in a chorus, make of this a day of days. Alleluia! Amen!

-Bryan Jeffery Leech

***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-Schaubroeck
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

Exodus 16:2-15

Cindy Hall

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your com-

plaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

SERMON "Heaven Sent" Rev. Keith

*HYMN 707 Hymn of Promise PROMISE

*BENEDICTION Rev. Keith

*CHORAL RESPONSE A Gaelic Blessing The Chancel Choir
John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

*POSTLUDE Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Mr. Bowden
arr. Pierce Dickens

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Brian Collins
Karen Davis

Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard

Beverly Mobley
Joyce Ramsey

Will Sneed
Paul Wiley



WEEKENDER

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

Titus II
Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 6
12:00 pm

Blood Drive
Gym
Sunday, October 11
8 AM - 1 PM



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Fridays, Saturdays 7 PM; Thursdays, 7:30 AM
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