



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020
Fayetteville First UMC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Martin and **People**

This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***HYMN 185**

O God Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

*Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God, through endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

God is our foundation, our rock. He is the maker of the world; of heaven and earth. We believe in his son Jesus Christ who died for our sins. We believe in a forgiving God and loving God who rules our lives. We believe God lives inside us; we believe God lives everywhere. We believe in loving your neighbor as yourself. We believe in the Kingdom of God.

***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**

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

“The peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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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 ANTHEM

If My People Will Pray

Jimmy Owens

Joan Aycock, Sam Burch, Brian Lindsey, Nancy Lindsey,
Jeannine Massengale, Nancy Musselwhite, Wayne Musselwhite

*If My people which are called by My name
shall humble themselves and pray.*

*If My people which are called by My name
shall seek My face and turn from their wicked ways.*

Then will I hear from heaven.

Then will I hear and will forgive their sin.

*If My people which are called by My name
shall humble themselves and pray*

I will forgive their sin and heal their land.

***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

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***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Ephesians 1:11-23

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¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

¹⁴*this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.*

¹⁵*I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason* ¹⁶*I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.* ¹⁷*I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,* ¹⁸*so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,* ¹⁹*and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.* ²⁰*God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,* ²¹*far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.* ²²*And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,* ²³*which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Our church is ... Remembering

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***SUNG RESPONSE**

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

KINGSFOLD

*Deep in the shadows of the past, far out from settled lands,
some nomads traveled with their God across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of humankind by them was sensed and shown;
a promise calling them ahead, a future yet unknown.*

*While others bowed to changeless gods they met a mystery,
invisible, without a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
and by their tents, around their fires, in story, song and law,
they praised remembered, handed on a past that promised more.*

*From Exodus to Pentecost the promise changed and grew,
while some remembering the past, recorded what they knew,
or with their letters and laments, their prophecy and praise
recovered, kindled and expressed new hope for changing days.*

*For all the writings that survived, for leaders, long ago,
who sifted, copied, and preserved the Bible that we know,
give thanks, and find its story yet our promise strength and call,
the model of emerging faith, alive with hope for all.*

***BENEDICTION**

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*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Materna"
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

Samuel Ward, arr. Douglas Wagner

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Billy Arnold
Van Askew
Carolyn Broady
Ken Broady

Annelle Burch
Quentin Cash
Richard Clayton
Suzan Cole

Howard Dunham
Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
Doris Kerlin

Lurlene Perry
Martha Segars
Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson



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