



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020
Fayetteville First UMC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fairest Lord Jesus
Spencer Kalafut, guitar

Ronald Ravenscroft

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!

Dr. Martin and **People**

***HYMN 545**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, on birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;*

*til, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Dr. Martin 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**

*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

Open My Eyes

Scott, Nussel, arr. Douglas Nolan

Joan Aycock, Sam Burch, Lynne Garrett, Brian Lindsey, Nancy Lindsey

*Open my eyes, that I may see a glimpse of truth You have for me.
Place in my hands the wondrous key. Let it unlock and set me free.
Open my ears, that I may hear the voice of truth You're sending clear,
And while the sounds fall on my ear, then all things false will disappear.
Open my ears, and let me hear.*

*How silently I wait, ready, my God, to learn Your way.
Ready, my God, Your will to see. Open my life, illumine me.*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, help me prepare love with Your children everywhere,
Love with your children everywhere.*

*Open my eyes, that I may see. Open my ears, that I may hear.
Open my eyes, open my ears, open my heart.*

***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**

Acts 2:42-47

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⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Our church is ... Means of Grace

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***HYMN 566**

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

EVAN

*Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.*

*Join in one spirit to our Head, where he appoints we go,
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do his work below.*

*O may we ever walk in him, and nothing know beside,
nothing desire, nothing esteem, but Jesus crucified!*

*We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree,
in him the One, the Truth, we live; blest point of unity!*

*Partakers of the Savior's grace, the same in mind and heart,
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place, nor life, nor death can part.*

***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

Toccata for the Morning of Easter

Oliver Holden, arr. Anthony Giamanco

Rick Massengale, organ

*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

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Jon Wade (Leslie) and family upon the death of Jon's father, James Wade, on April 22.



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