



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost, July 19, 2020
Fayetteville First UMC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

O God, the Holy Spirit,
come to us, and among us;
come as the wind, and cleanse us;
come as the fire, and burn;
come as the dew, and refresh;
convict, convert, and consecrate
Our hearts and lives
to our great good
and to thy greater glory;
and this we ask in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

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***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.*

*Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Lawrence 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

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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

A Loving Heart

Timothy Bushong

*A loving heart is kind and patient. It will not boast or envy be.
It will bear all things without complaint, for it endures, hopes, and believes.
Though I may speak with the sound of angels, and if I give all that I possess,
without love I am as a sounding gong. I have no gain but the gift of love.*

*Love never ends; love is forever. Though mortal flesh may soon be gone,
and the stars fall from the heavens, love never ends; it will live on.*

*To live in faith is to live in God's pure light, and all who hope will not be denied.
But to love is to touch the face of God and taste of heaven here in this life.
Faith and hope and love abide, these three, and still the best of all is a loving 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**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Spiritual Gifts: A more excellent way

Rev. Lawrence

HYMN

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

***BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major
Rick Massengale, organ

J.S. Bach

*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
Bill Bowman

Annelle Burch
Joe Byers
Quentin Cash
Richard Clayton
Howard Dunham

Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Margie McClendon

Lurlene Perry
Sue Sheddan
Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Mike and Sammie Clark and family upon the death of Sammie's mother, Mary Bailey, on July 9.

Martha Turner upon the death of her sister, Alice Morris, on July 14.

David Newman upon the death of his father, Kenneth Newman, on July 14.



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