



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Fayetteville First UMC

First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

### MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Sonatina*  
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

J.S. Bach

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Martin

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Claudia Hernaman

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 25:1-4*

Dr. Martin and People

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

### \*HYMN

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.*

*This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair,  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.*



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*This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!*

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

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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.

#### ANTHEM

*The Earth Is the Lord's*

Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.*

*All creatures who live on the earth are the Lord's.*

*For who can rightly ascend the hill of the Lord,  
And who may enter His house to hear His word?  
The pure in heart and hand.  
Such are the people of God, who understand.*

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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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.

#### \*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. Martin 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.

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON***Genesis 9:8-17*

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<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

<sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON***Covenant Signs*

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**RESPONSE***Wesley Covenant Prayer*

Dr. Martin and People

“I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”

**\*HYMN***O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

*O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.*

## \*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

*Trumpet Tune*

Jeremiah Clarke

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

*Please exit by the chancel only.  
Place bulletin in recycling bin or take it with you.  
Offerings will be received by the chancel as you exit.*

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### Please remember in your prayers:

Marlene Amos  
Van Askew  
Annelle Burch  
Joe Byers  
Richard Clayton

Kathie Cochran  
Bob Garrett  
Margaret Grainger  
Martha Hale  
Cindy Jennings

Doris Kerlin  
Sara Morgan  
Lurlene Perry  
Claudia Rhodes  
Jon Wade

Mabel Wilbanks  
Brad Wilkinson

In Memoriam  
Carolyn Broady  
February 17, 2021

### Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

The family of Carolyn Broady upon her death on February 17.  
Jay and Christie Burton and family upon the death of Jay's mother, Roberta Burton, on February 17.



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