



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Lord, Keep Us Faithful to Your Word
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

Dietrich Buxtehude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Martin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O Word of God Incarnate

Mendelssohn

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 22:26-29

Dr. Martin and **People**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

**To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.**

***HYMN**

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.*

*The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.*



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*The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship 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

Dr. Martin

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

A Psalm Folksong

Edwin Penhorwood

Rusty Wilson, oboe

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
he leadeth me The quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill,
For thou are with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.*

***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 17:1-7, 15-16

Dr. Martin

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Covenant Change

Dr. Martin

***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 God, Our Help in Ages Past

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*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, to 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.*

***BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

Hornpipe in D Major

G.F. Handel

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

*Please exit by the chancel only.
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Please remember in your prayers:

Marlene Amos
 Van Askew
 Annelle Burch
 Joe Byers
 Richard Clayton

Anne Free
 Margaret Grainger
 Martha Hale
 Cindy Jennings
 Doris Kerlin

Sara Morgan
 Jake Murphy
 Lurlene Perry
 Claudia Rhodes
 Jon Wade

Mabel Wilbanks
 Brad Wilkinson

In Memoriam
 Kathie Cochran
 February 14, 2021

In Memoriam
 Randy Baileys
 February 24, 2021

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

David Cochran, Whitney Shoemaker and Ashley Vybral upon the death of David's wife and Whitney and Ashley's mother, Kathie Cochran, on February 14.
 Beth (Mark) Refuss and Sarah and William Refuss upon the death of Mark's mother, and Sarah and William's grandmother, Jean Marie Refuss, on February 15.
 Janet, Becca, and Mei Mei Baileys upon the death of Janet's husband and Becca and Mei Mei's father, Randy Baileys, on February 24.



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