



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 18, 2021**

**GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*  
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

J.S. Bach

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Martin

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 4:4-8*

Dr. Martin and **People**

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

**There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!**

**Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"**

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

**I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

**\*HYMN**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
Serving thee whom we adore.*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Modern Affirmation*

Dr. Martin and **People**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the  
ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual  
remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our  
blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.** *UMH 885*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

arr. Rick Massengale

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and glo - ry be to the Son and glo - ry be to the  
6 Ho - ly Ghost; Sing Glo - ri - a sing Glo - ri - a! As it was in the be - gin - ing is now, and e - ver  
12 shall be, world with-out end \_\_\_\_\_ A - men \_\_\_\_\_ A - men, A - men. A - men.

**\*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**

*Give Me Jesus*

Craig Courtney

Becky Slagle Mayo, guest pianist

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.  
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.*

*Give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.*

*And when I come to die, give me Jesus.*

**\*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.**

**\*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**

*Acts 3:12-19*

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*<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Becoming Like Christ: Repentance*

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**\*HYMN**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changes not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

*(Refrain)*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

**\*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**

*Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

\*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

Anne Free  
Margaret Grainger  
Martha Hale  
Ada Hewell  
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings  
Doris Kerlin  
Jake Murphy  
Lurlene Perry  
Claudia Rhodes

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