



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

Fayetteville First UMC

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

arr. Gordon Young

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where ' thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*



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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**

Associate Minister

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*

***RESPONSE HYMN 310**

He Lives

ACKLEY

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

***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

Rev. Lawrence

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

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

Becki Slagle-Mayo, pianist

*There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.*

*There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.*

*And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine, will shine.
And the glory, glory glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.*

*There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
And the way of the Lord will be restored,
There'll be love, sweet love everywhere.*

***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**

Rev. Lawrence 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**

Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Lawrence

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Covenant People

Dr. Martin

***RESPONSE**

*Wesley Covenant Prayer
A Modern Translation*

Dr. Martin and **People**

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it also be made in heaven. Amen.**

***HYMN**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

*Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

*Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.*

*Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.*

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*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

Christ Is Risen!

JS Bach

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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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

Sue Sheddan
Jon Wade
Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

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