



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fayetteville First UMC

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral
Mr. Justin Maxey, guest organist

Richard Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-4

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.*



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*He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

*In Christ your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Modern Affirmation

Rev. Lawrence 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**

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."

MINISTRY MOMENT - VBS OPPORTUNITIES

The Rev. Carson Thaxton
Children and Family Ministry

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.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

St. Francis of Assisi, Mary McDonald

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there's despair, hope.

Where there's darkness, light.

Where there's sadness, joy.

*O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.*

For it is in giving that we receive.

For it is by faith that we believe.

For in forgiving, we are forgiven.

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life!

***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**

Acts 10:44-48

Rev. Lawrence

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Becoming Like Christ: Believing

Dr. Martin

***HYMN**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.*

*There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.*

***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

Toccata on Thou Art the Rock

Henri Mulet

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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Claudia Rhodes
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Sue Sheddan
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Brad Wilkinson

In Memoriam
Louise Pearce
May 4, 2021

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Kim Pearce and Ron Pearce upon the death of their mother, Louise Pearce, on May 4.

The flowers today are presented to the glory of God

and in memory of Cathryn R. Stephens by Mack, Harriett and Thomas.



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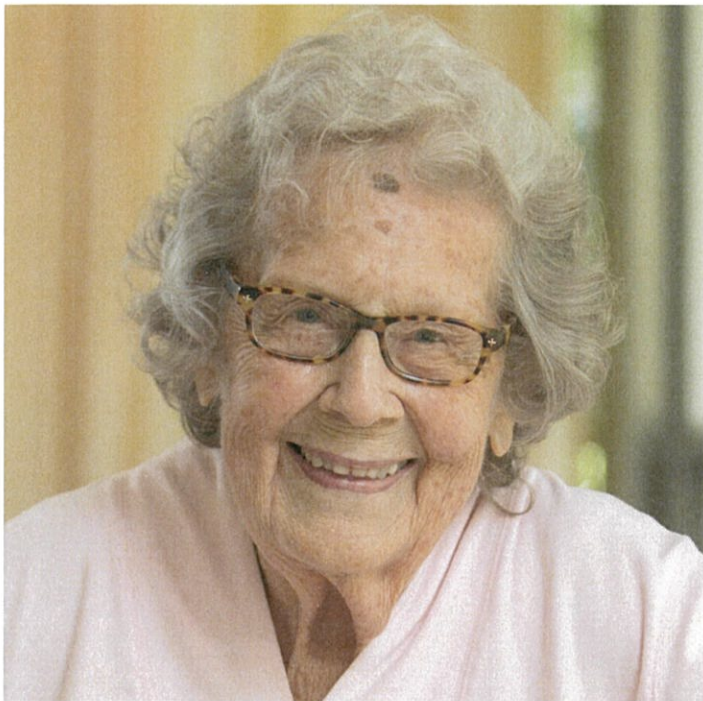
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