



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**  
9th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 25, 2021

**GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*The Church in the Wildwood*  
Mr. Justin Maxey, Director of Music & Organist

arr. Dan Miller

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**  
Associate Minister

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 145:10-14*

Rev. Lawrence

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**

**to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

**The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**\*HYMN**

*The Church in the Wildwood*

See insert

**\*INVOCATION**

Rev. Lawrence

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Lawrence 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.**



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## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

“The peace of Christ be with you.” “**And also with you.**”

## The Family of God

Bill & Gloria Gaither

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam-ly of God - I've been washed in the foun-tain, cleansed by His Blood!

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Joint heirs with Je-sus as we trav-el this sod; For I'm part of the fam-ly the fam-ly of God.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dr. Martin

## FIRST READING

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.**

## \*HYMN

*Love Lifted Me*

See insert

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

arr. Larry Shackley

*Wonderful grace of Jesus,  
Greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it,  
Where shall its praise begin?*

*Taking away my burden,  
Setting my spirit free;  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.*

*Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,  
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;  
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,  
All-sufficient grace for even me!  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
Greater far than all my sin and shame;  
Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus,  
Praise His Name!*

*Wonderful grace of Jesus,  
Reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned,  
Saved to the uttermost;  
Chains have been torn asunder,  
Giving me liberty;  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.*

*Wonderful the matchless grace, wonderful the matchless grace of 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**

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.**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*John 16:1-15*

Rev. Lawrence

*"I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. <sup>3</sup>And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.*

*<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own,*

*but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Reading Comprehension*

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN 380**

*He Keeps Me Singing*

SWEETEST NAME

**\*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**

*War March of Priests*

Felix Mendelssohn

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Van Askew  
Annelle Burch  
Joe Byers  
Richard Clayton

Anne Free  
Margaret Grainger  
Martha Hale  
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings  
Doris Kerlin  
Claudia Rhodes  
Nancy Ricciardi

Mabel Wilbanks  
Brad Wilkinson

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Russell and Lindsay Blythe and family upon the death of Russell's father and Ryder, Rhett, and Reece's grandfather, Roger Eugene "Gene" Blythe, on July 15.



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# The Church In The Wildwood

W. S. P.

DR. WM. S. PITTS

1. There's a church in the val - ley by the wild - wood, No love - li - er  
 2. Oh, come to the church in the wild - wood, To the trees where the  
 3. How sweet on a clear Sab - bath morn - ing, To list to the  
 4. From the church in the val - ley by the wild - wood, When day fades a -

spot in the dale; No place is so dear to my child - hood As the  
 wild flow - ers bloom; Where the part - ing hymn will be chant - ed, We will  
 clear ring - ing bell; Its tones so sweet - ly are call - ing, Oh,  
 way in - to night, I would fain from this spot of my child - hood Wing my

D.S.—No spot is so dear to my child - hood As the

FINE CHORUS

lit - tle brown church in the vale.  
 weep by the side of the tomb. Come to the  
 come to the church in the vale.  
 way to the man - sions of light. Oh, come, come, come, come, come, come,

*lit - tle brown church in the vale.*

church in the wild - wood, Oh, come to the church in the vale;  
 come, come;

D.S.

## Love Lifted Me

JAMES ROWE

HOWARD E. SMITH

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Ver - y deep-ly  
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed  
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je - sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas - ter of the sea  
 pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing. Love so might-y and so true  
 by His love Out of the an - gry waves. He's the Mas - ter of the sea,

Heard my despairing cry, From the wa - ters lift - ed me, Now safe am I.  
 Mer - its my soul's best songs; Faith - ful, lov - ing serv - ice, too, To Him be - longs.  
 Bil - lows His will o - bey; He your Sav - ior wants to be—Be saved to - day.

## CHORUS

Love lift-ed me! . . . . Love lift-ed me! . . . . When noth-ing  
 e - ven me! e - ven me!

else could help, Love lift - ed me. Love lift - ed me.