



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 12, 2021**  
**11:00 AM**

**GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*How Great Thou Art*  
arr. Mark Hayes

Mr. Justin Maxey  
Director of Music & Organist

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 19:1-2, 14*

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD,  
my rock and my redeemer.**

**\*HYMN 577**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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**\*INVOCATION**

Dr. Martin

**\*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.**



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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.**”*

## **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.**

## **FIRST READING**

*James 3:1-12*

Rev. Lawrence

*Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.*

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 420**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Lawrence

## **OFFERTORY**

*The Heavens Are Telling from The Creation*  
Nancy Lindsey, Gabriel - Brian Lindsey, Uriel - Sam Burch, Raphael

Franz Joseph Haydn

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.*

*The day that is coming, speaks it the day,  
the night that is gone, to following night.  
The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.*

*In all the lands resounds the word,  
never unperceived, ever understood.  
The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.*

**\*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.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Dr. Martin

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 8:27-38*

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.*

*<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."*

*<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Life Lessons: If you can't say anything nice...*

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN 77**

*How Great Thou Art*

O STORE GUD

**\*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**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
arr. Paul Manz

Mr. Maxey

\*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  
Nancy Byers

Richard Clayton  
Anne Free  
Margaret Grainger  
Martha Hale

Tangie Hubbard  
Cindy Jennings  
Doris Kerlin  
Claudia Rhodes

Helen Voyles  
Mabel Wilbanks  
Brad Wilkinson

**The flowers today are presented to the glory of God**

and in celebration of the 104th birthday of Mildred Fitzgerald on September 17 by Lynne Garrett and Carol Pruett.



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