



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fayetteville First UMC

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

First Arabesque

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 54:1-2, 6-7

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

Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

*HYMN 584

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

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



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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 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mrs. Christie Burton
UMW Representative

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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 408**

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Burton

OFFERTORY

Let There Be Peace on Earth

arr. Mark Hayes

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace, let there be peace!*

***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

*Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Wonders of Worship in Room B225.
Children 3rd grade and older are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary for the service.
The nursery is available for infants through 3 years at all services.*

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 9:30-37

Rev. Lawrence

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Life Lessons: Heart of the Matter

Dr. Martin

***HYMN 592**

When the Church of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

***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.*

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Gloria from Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in C Major, Op. 115*

Chancel Choir

Charles Villiers Stanford

POSTLUDE

*French Military March from Suite Algerienne, Op. 60, MM.4
Camille Saint-Saëns*

Mr. Maxey

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Bob and Karen Dunn upon the death of Karen's mother, Dorothy Bishop, on August 30.

Larry and Linda Brannon upon the death of Larry's sister, Rebecca Schindler, on September 13.

The flowers today are presented to the glory of God

and in remembrance of Ruth and Frank Crawford's 80th wedding anniversary by their daughter, Fran McElwaney, and granddaughters Erin and Eden McElwaney.



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