



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fayetteville First UMC

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Just As I Am
arr. Mark Hayes

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126

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

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

*HYMN 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*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*



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***GLORIA PATRI**

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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.**”

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

Hebrews 7:23-28

Rev. Lawrence

²³Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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 357 (Vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)**

Just As I Am

WOODSWORTH

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

OFFERTORY

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes
Leo Sowerby

Chancel Choir
Luanne Harms, mezzo-soprano

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
From whence cometh my help?
My help cometh from the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.*

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, He that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is thy keeper.
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day
Nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee
From all evil;
He shall preserve thy soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out
And thy coming in
From this time forth,
And for ever more.*

Amen.

***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.

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 10:46-52

Rev. Lawrence

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Grateful for Wholeness

Dr. Martin

***HYMN 378**

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

***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*
Charles Villiers Stanford

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

Tocatta on Amazing Grace
J. Christopher Pardini

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

Buddy Croft
Anne Free
Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
Chenelle Hernandez

Tangie Hubbard
Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Claudia Rhodes
Helen Voyles

Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Nancy White upon the death of her husband, John White, on October 16.



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