



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
World Communion Sunday
October 3, 2021
11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Holy, Holy, Holy
arr. Marilynn Ham

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 26

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

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

***HYMN 185**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

***INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Dr. Martin and **People**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.



Fayetteville First United Methodist Church welcomes you.
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Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Dr. Martin

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 2:10-12

Rev. Lawrence

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bless This House
Mae Brae, arr. Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

*Bless this house, O Lord, we pray make it safe by night and day.
Bless these walls so firm and stout keeping want and trouble out.
Bless the roof and chimneys tall let thy peace lie overall.
Bless this door that it may prove ever open, to joy and love.
Bless these windows shining bright letting in God's Heavenly light.
Bless the hearth ablazing there, with smoke ascending like a prayer!
Bless the folk who dwell within. Keep them pure and free from sin.*

*Bless us all that we may be fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee.
Bless us all that one day we may dwell, O Lord, with Thee!
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 are invited to return to seats.
No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.*

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:13-16

Rev. Lawrence

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Who am I?

Dr. Martin

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

... And so,
 with your people on earth
 and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. heav'n___ and earth___ are full___ of your
 8 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes___ in the
 15 name___ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... And so,
 in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice,
 in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
 that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
 redeemed by his blood.

... By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 one with each other,
 and one in ministry to all the world,
 until Christ comes in final victory
 and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
 all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
 now and for ever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:



Our Fa-ther, which art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom come,



Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And for - give us our



debts as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp - ta-tion, but de - liv-er us from e - vil, For Thine is the



king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for - ev - ver. A - men. A - men.

HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

You are invited to contribute to the benevolence fund by leaving an offering on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.

COMMUNION MUSIC

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Indra Thomas, soprano

arr. Margaret Bonds

*HYMN 540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

*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

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
arr. Gayden Sikes

Mr. Maxey

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

ABOUT COMMUNION

In the United Methodist Church, communion is a sacrament. It is sacred and set apart. A sacrament is a sign, a symbol, and a reminder. It reminds us of God's love. As a symbol, the wafer and the juice we use are things we can see and touch that remind us of something we cannot see and we cannot touch: the grace of God at work in all of our lives.

Today is World Communion Sunday. It is a day in which we recognize our connectedness to other Christians. We are reminded that this table, this celebration is not unique. As we celebrate communion, we do so as both receiving and expecting God's grace in our lives. This table is not a United Methodist table. This table does not belong to Fayetteville First. It is the Lord's table.

As you come, those serving will be dipping the wafer in the juice and handing you the elements. If you wish to have communion that isn't touched by the ministers, there are single serving elements located on the altar. In addition, there is a gluten-free option.

The altar is open if you would like to kneel and pray after receiving the elements. The altar is also open to leave gifts. Any gift left on the altar this week will go to our church's Benevolence Ministry. As you come to the table, may you taste and see that the Lord is good.

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



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