



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 31, 2021**  
**11:00 AM**

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*Toccata in D Minor, BWV 565*  
J.S. Bach

Mr. Justin Maxey  
Director of Music & Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 119:1-7*

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

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.  
**Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,**  
who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.  
You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.  
**O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!**  
Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.  
**I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.**

**\*HYMN 662**

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

ST. MICHAEL

**\*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 9:11-14*

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>11</sup>But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!*

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 622 (Vv. 1, 3, 4)**

*There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Dr. Martin

**OFFERTORY**

*Greater Love Hath No Man*  
John Ireland

Chancel Choir  
Jenna Livsey, soprano  
Sam Burch, baritone

*Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can the floods drown it.*

*Love is strong as death.*

*Greater love hath no man than this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we,  
being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.*

*Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,  
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus;*

*Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
that ye should shew forth the praises of him  
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.*

*I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,  
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,  
holy, acceptable unto God,  
which is your reasonable service.*

**\*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 12:28-34

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>28</sup>One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup>and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Grateful for the Kingdom of God*

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN 453**

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

**\*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** *Toccata from Suite Gothique, Op. 25* Mr. Maxey  
Léon Boëllmann

\*Please stand in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

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|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Van Askew       | Buddy Croft        | Tangie Hubbard | Mabel Wilbanks |
| Annelle Burch   | Anne Free          | Cindy Jennings | Brad Wilkinson |
| Joe Byers       | Margaret Grainger  | Doris Kerlin   |                |
| Nancy Byers     | Martha Hale        | Claudia Rhodes |                |
| Richard Clayton | Chenelle Hernandez | Helen Voyles   |                |

In Memoriam  
Thomas Roy (Buddy) Croft  
October 25, 2021

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Tommy Croft and Dick and Pamela Carne and family upon the death of Tommy's son and Pamela's brother, Thomas Roy "Buddy" Croft, on October 25.

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

and given by Sally Archer in memory of her brother and Meredith Martin's uncle, Bobby Knight.

**The rosebuds on the sanctuary altar are in celebration of the births of**

Lane Rosalie Kemper to Julia and Jackson Kemper on October 13. Grandparents are Bobby and Laurie Brooks. Josephine Marie Lindsey to Eric and Jenny Lindsey on July 26. Family includes Brian and Nancy Lindsey, Jason Lindsey, and Amanda McDonald.



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