



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022
11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

It Is Well with my Soul
arr. Marilyn Ham

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 19:7-10

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

***HYMN 62 (Vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7)**

All Creatures of Our God and King

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***INVOCATION**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Modern Affirmation

Dr. Martin and **People**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

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**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

***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."

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

1 Corinthians 12:18-27

Rev. Lawrence

¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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 164**

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

THE CALL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

OFFERTORY

Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out
arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

*If we keep our voices silent, all creation will rise and shout.
If we fail to praise you, Father, then will the very rocks cry out!
If we keep our voices silent, all creation will rise and shout.
If we fail to praise you, Father, then will the very rocks cry out!*

*From the corners of creation come the people of the Living God.
Every tongue and every nation gather now to praise the Lord.*

*If we keep our voices silent, all creation will rise and shout.
If we fail to praise you, Father, then will the very rocks cry out!
If we keep our voices silent, all creation will rise and shout.
If we fail to praise you, Father, then will the very rocks cry out!*

*From a world of tribulation, come and let your voice be raised.
Join us now in congregation. Let the Living God be praised.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Unto Him we offer praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! This song of joy to him we raise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! In the heavens angels sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give glory to the most high King!*

*If we keep our voices silent, all creation will rise and shout.
If we fail to praise you, Father, then will the very rocks cry out!
If we keep our voices silent, all creation will rise and shout.
If we fail to praise you, Father, then will the very rocks cry out!*

Alleluia! Alleluia, 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**

Matthew 7:7-12

Dr. Martin

⁷*“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.
⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door*

will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!
¹²“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *First things first* Dr. Martin

***HYMN 405** *Seek Ye First* SEEK YE

***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** *Jubilate* Mr. Maxey
Gordon Young

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

Please remember in your prayers:

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

In Memoriam
Brenda Bell Smith
January 9, 2022

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with
the family of Brenda Bell Smith upon her death on January 9.



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