



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 30, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*  
arr. Marilyn Ham

Mr. Justin Maxey  
Director of Music & Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 71:1-6*

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.**

**My praise is continually of you.**

**\*HYMN 133**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

SHOWALTER

**\*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**

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Rev. Lawrence

*<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."*

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**

Dr. Martin

**OFFERTORY***To Love Our God*

Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

*Where does the wind come from? Where does it go?  
Blowing north and south  
How does it know?  
Oh, where does the wind come from? Oh, where does it go?  
Blowing north and south  
How does it know?  
The rain flows gently to the sea,  
Yet the sea is never full.  
How can these things be? How can these things be? How can they be?  
Humanity works hard to make a name.  
Toiling in the sun yet nothing gained,  
We all return to dust from whence we came.  
All is empty. All is vain.  
To love our God, The reason we live,  
To love our God, The highest call.  
Nothing satisfies our soul,  
Gives life meaning, makes us whole.  
For this purpose we were made:  
To love our God, To love our God,  
The reason that we live is to love our God.  
To love our God, The reason we live,  
To love our God, The highest call.  
Nothing satisfies our soul,  
Gives life meaning, makes us whole.  
For this purpose we were made:  
To love our God, To love our God, To love our God!*

**\*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***Luke 4:21-30*

Dr. Martin

*<sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed*

except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*What did He say?*

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN 384**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

**\*BENEDICTION**

*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.*

Dr. Martin

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
Gayden Sikes

Mr. Maxey

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Van Askew  
Annelle Burch  
Nancy Byers  
Richard Clayton

Anne Free  
Margaret Grainger  
Martha Hale  
Chenelle Hernandez

Tangie Hubbard  
Cindy Jennings  
Doris Kerlin  
Claudia Rhodes

Helen Voyles  
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