



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fayetteville First UMC

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022

11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Romance Op. 44, No. 1
Anton Rubinstein

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

*HYMN 310

He Lives

ACKLEY

*INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

*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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Rev. Lawrence

⁵Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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 444 (Vv. 1, 2, 5)**

O Young and Fearless Prophet

BLAIRGOWRIE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

OFFERTORY

Rejoice and Be Glad (The Beatitudes)
Glenn Pickett

Chancel Choir

*Blessed, blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed, blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed, blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
And blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are you when you're poor, for yours is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when you mourn, for then you'll be comforted.
Blessed are you when you're meek, for you will inherit the earth.
And blessed are you when you hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for you will be filled.*

*You are the salt of the earth, a seasoning unique in its worth;
Bring out God's flavor: rejoice and be glad.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for you will be shown my mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for you will see God.
Blessed are those who bring peace, for you will be called "My children."
And blessed are you, when people persecute you for My sake.
Rejoice and glad!*

*For you are the light of the world, a lamp shining bright in the world.
So let you light shine: rejoice and be glad! So they may bring praise to your Father.
Praising your Father who's in heaven. Rejoice and be glad!*

***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.*

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 6:17-26

Dr. Martin

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Blessed to be a blessing

Dr. Martin

***HYMN 337**

Only Trust Him

STOCKTON

***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**

Marche aux Flambeaux
Scotson Clark

Mr. Maxey

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Annelle Burch
Nancy Byers
Richard Clayton
Sally Dunham

Anne Free
Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
Don Harp
Chenelle Hernandez

Tangie Hubbard
Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Claudia Rhodes
Helen Voyles

Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson



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