



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
Second Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2022
11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Eighteenth Variation
from Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43
Sergei Rachmaninoff, arr. Hemen W. Eichhorn

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 27:1-4

The Rev. Joe Watson and **People**
Minister of Nurture

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh-- my adversaries and foes-- they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

***HYMN 132**

All My Hope is Firmly Grounded

MICHAEL

***INVOCATION**

Rev. Lawrence

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Lawrence 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. Watson 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

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Rev. Watson

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Watson

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 396**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL’S STORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY

Steal Away
arr. Nicholas White

Chancel Choir

*Steal away, steal away, Steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.*

*My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Steal away, steal away, Steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Green trees are bending, Poor sinners stand a-trembling;
The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Steal away, steal away, Steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.*

*My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the lightning;
The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.*

***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

Rev. Lawrence

*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 13:31-35

Rev. Watson

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lent in Real Life: Change

Rev. Lawrence

***HYMN 295**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Lawrence

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata on ABERYSTWYTH
David Bednall

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
Sara Johnston
Doris Kerlin
Claudia Rhodes

Helen Voyles
Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

In Memoriam
Larry Croft
March 6, 2022

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Linda Croft and family upon the death of her husband, Larry Croft, on March 6.



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