



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fayetteville First UMC

Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022

11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
arr. Mark Hayes

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-4

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*HYMN 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*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

Isaiah 55:1-9

Rev. Lawrence

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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 510**

Come, Ye Disconsolate

CONSOLATOR

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Eric Lindsey, bass ~ John Shapley & Jessica Davis, flutes

Chancel Choir
Mack Wilberg

*The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.*

*Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight grom thy pure chalice floweth!
And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.*

***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 13:1-9

Rev. Lawrence

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year; until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lent in Real Life: Patience

Dr. Martin

***HYMN 340**

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

***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**

Pièce héroïque
César Franck

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



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