



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022
11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

How Great Thou Art
arr. Bob Ralston

Mr. Rick Massengale, piano
Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148:1-4, 13-14

Dr. Martin and **People**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

***HYMN 92**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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***INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**
Associate Minister

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

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**we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BABY RECOGNITION

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

Revelation 21:1-6

Rev. Lawrence

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

OFFERTORY

Anthems of Love
Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

*Around us the sound of celestial music, anthems of love from the heavenly throne;
The Father Himself singing over His children, His love song a gift that He sings to His own.
Sing to the Lord, with a song give Him glory. Heaven will hear and will join in our praise.
The Father Himself singing over His children, taking delight in the anthems we raise.*

*Sing with the sun as it rises each morning melody, harmony, lighting the day.
Sing through the night, with the moon and stars shining, hymns of deliverance, pardon and grace.
Echoes of love coming down from the Father, echoes of love that we lift to His throne.
Sing to the Lord, with a song give Him glory. Heaven will hear and will join in our praise.
The Father Himself singing over His children, taking delight in the anthems we raise.*

***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 as we celebrate Communion together.*

***GOSPEL READING**

John 13:31-35

Rev. Lawrence

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

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SERMON

When the Church Fights

Dr. Martin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See insert.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace
Vivian A. Kretz, arr. Bill Fasig & John Innes

Justin Maxey, organ
Rick Massengale, piano

***HYMN 77**

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

***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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Charles Wesley, John Zundel, arr. Bill Wolves

Mr. Maxey and Orchestra

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Nancy Byers
Richard Clayton
Anne Free
Margaret Grainger

Martha Hale
Don Harp
Chenelle Hernandez
Rose Hood
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings
Sara Johnston
Doris Kerlin
Claudia Rhodes
Brenda Tierman

Helen Voyles
Mabel Wilbanks

In Memoriam
Betty Jo Bowen
May 11, 2022

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Joyce (Bill) Ramsey and Jo Hardwick and families upon the death of their aunt, Betty Jo Bowen, on May 11.



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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

... And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. heav'n___ and earth___ are full___ of your

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glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes___ in the

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name___ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

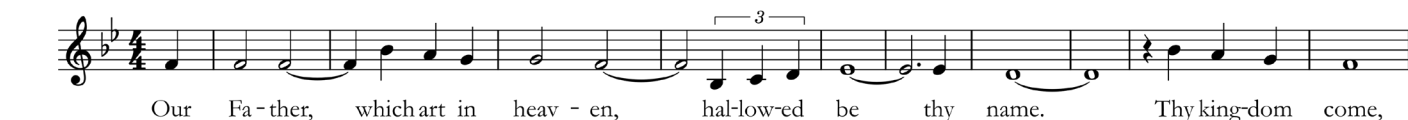
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
 that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
 redeemed by his blood.

... By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 one with each other,
 and one in ministry to all the world,
 until Christ comes in final victory
 and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
 all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
 now and for ever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:



HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

You are invited to contribute to the Benevolence Fund by leaving an offering on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.