



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fayetteville First UMC
15th Sunday After Pentecost
September 18, 2022
11:00 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

There is a Balm in Gilead
arr. Mark Hayes

Mr. Justin Maxey
Director of Music & Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 113:1-4

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.
The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

***HYMN 729**

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

JERUSALEM

***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

***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.

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Dr. Martin and **People**

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

“The peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

MINISTRY MOMENT: UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Janet Baileys

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 8:18-9:1

Rev. Lawrence

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. ¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: “Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) ²⁰“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” ²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. ²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES, PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 375**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Martin

OFFERTORY

There is a Balm in Gilead
arr. William L. Dawson

Chancel Choir
Kayla Harriot, soprano

Refrain:

*There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,*

*but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. Refrain*

*If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." Refrain*

***DOXOLOGY**

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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 16:1-13

Rev. Lawrence

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Martin

***HYMN 98**

To God Be the Glory

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***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.*

***POSTLUDE**

Processional March
William Harris

Mr. Maxey

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Postlude notes:

For the Queen's Procession and played by the composer at the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Margaret in Westminster Abbey, May 6, 1960

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Nancy Byers
Richard Clayton
Margaret Grainger

Martha Hale
Don Harp
Chenelle Hernandez
Tangie Hubbard

Cindy Jennings
Sara Johnston
Doris Kerlin
Claudia Rhodes

Brenda Tierman
Helen Voyles
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