

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church  
4th SUNDAY After PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | June 16, 2024

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Amazing Grace*  
arr. George Shearing

Nicholas Bowden  
Director of Music & Organist

## INTROIT

*Surely the Lord Is in This Place*  
Herbert Colvin

Summer Choir

*Surely the Lord is in this place.  
This is none other than the house of God;  
and this is the gate of heaven.  
Surely the Lord is in this place.*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West  
Assistant Minister of Families & Children

## \*HYMN 117

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. West 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

MEINEKE

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

Rev. West

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

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and People  
Associate Minister

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

Psalm 20

Robertine Mitchely

<sup>1</sup>The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

<sup>2</sup>May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.

<sup>3</sup>May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

<sup>4</sup>May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

<sup>5</sup>May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

<sup>6</sup>Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.

<sup>7</sup>Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

<sup>8</sup>They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

<sup>9</sup>Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Lawrence

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence and People

**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 454

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. West

## OFFERTORY

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*  
Tom Fettke

Summer Choir

*When I look into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;  
the moon and stars suspended in space;*

*O what is man that you are mindful of him?*

*You have given man a crown of glory and honor  
and have made him a little lower than the angels;  
you have put him in charge of all creation;*

*the beasts of the field, the birds in the air, the fish of the sea.*

*O what is man that you are mindful of him?*

*O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name  
transcends the earth and fills the heavens!*

*O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly  
and so would we.*

*Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.*

## \*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

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Minister

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.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

Rev. West

<sup>26</sup>He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

"Easy to Miss"

Rev. Short

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rev. Short and People

Almighty God,  
You transform servants into kings,  
**the smallest seeds into magnificent trees,**  
**and hardened hearts into loving ones.**  
Bless us with your life-giving Spirit,  
re-create us in your image,  
**and shape us to your purposes,**  
**through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

## \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be With You Till We Meet Again  
Mack Wilberg

Summer Choir

## \*POSTLUDE

Grand March  
Dale Wood

Mr. Bowden

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Van Askew  
Nancy Byers  
Richard Clayton  
Karen Davis

Robbie Gray  
Martha Hale  
Tangie Hubbard  
Doris Kerlin

Jerry Light  
Bettina McDowell  
Ron McDowell  
Ingrid Shields

Brenda Tierman  
Paul Wiley

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