

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

17th SUNDAY After PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | September 15, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Elegy
C. Hubert H. Parry

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

Hymn of Fellowship
John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir and **People**

*In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.*

All singing: (please stand)

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but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 568

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

*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.

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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

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1

Rev. Robinson

²⁶ *For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.*

²⁷ *Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God and prophets,*

²⁸ *for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.*

²⁹ *She is more beautiful than the sun and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be more radiant,*

³⁰ *for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.*

¹ *She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 77

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Robinson

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Robinson 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.

OFFERTORY

Offertory
John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

- Micah 6:6-8

*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

Rev. West

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

James 3:1-12

Rev. Lawrence

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Who Do We Say We Are?"

Rev. Lawrence

*HYMN

They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;
And all praise to the Spirit, that makes us one. Refrain

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Lawrence

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
John Rutter

Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

***POSTLUDE**

Rigaudon
Andre' Campra

Mr. Bowden

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Nancy Byers
Richard Clayton
Karen Davis

Robbie Gray
Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard
Jerry Light

Bettina McDowell
Ron McDowell
Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman

Paul Wiley

The sanctuary flowers are presented to the glory of God
and in celebration of Mildred Fitzgerald's 107th birthday by her family.

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