

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

16th SUNDAY After PENTECOST | 11:00 AM | September 9, 2024

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Adagio Cantabile
Giuseppe Tartinni

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 57

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*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

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."*

MINISTRY MOMENT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lawrence

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

Psalm 146

Rev. Lawrence

¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

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.

OFFERTORY

Gloria from Twelfth Mass
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Chancel Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus voluntatis.

Laudamus, benedicimus, adoramus, glorificamus.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine deus, Rex caelorum, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domini Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domini Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Translation:

Glory to God in the highest. And on Earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.

Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

*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

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 2:1-17

Robertine Mitchely

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Living Faith"

Rev. West

*HYMN 593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*BENEDICTION

Rev. West

*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.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Donny and Lauren Davis and Fran Scott and family upon the death of Lauren's brother and Fran's son, Steven Scott, on August 11.

The sanctuary flowers are presented to the glory of God

and in memory of Eric Reynolds by Judy and Wayne Reynolds.

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Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 7 PM

NA Meeting: Thursdays 7 PM

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