

# The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church

World Communion Sunday | 11:00 AM | October 6, 2024

## MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Improvisation on Germany*  
arr. Diane Bish

Nicholas Bowden  
Director of Music & Organist

## \*INTROIT

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Johnnie Carl

Chancel Choir and People

All singing: (please stand)

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Drew West  
Minister to Families and Children

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 529

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

## ANTHEM

*Look at the World*  
John Rutter

The Chancel Choir  
Fayette Young Singers & Junior Choir

*Look at the world, everything all around us: Look at the world and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.*

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see  
all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee.*

*Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flower: Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Praise to thee...*

*Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Praise to thee...*

*Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love.  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heavens above. Praise to thee...*

## \*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."*

## \*INVITATION & CONFESSION

Rev. West and People

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,**

**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.*

**\*PARDON**

Rev. West and People

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.**

**\*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.**

**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. West

**OFFERTORY**

*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*

The Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.*

*One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.*

*There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.*

*One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all who is in you all.*

*One faith, one hope, one Lord....*

*Though we be many people, diverse in various gifts,*

*we are given to each other for the unity of faith,*

*that we may grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.*

*One faith, one hope, one Lord....*

**\*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 are invited to return to seats after Children's Moment.*

*No Wonders of Worship today as we celebrate Communion together.*

**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.**

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

## 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, God 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 risen; Christ will come again.**

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 God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

All elements are gluten-free.

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.

Communion Hymn 189

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

ST. ELIZABETH

**\*HYMN 540**

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Robinson

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
John Rutter

The 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**

*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Mr. Bowden

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Van Askew  
Blanche Babcock  
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 to honor Kati Ross, Clark Raines, and Pat Raines by Janie Raines and Pete Towell.

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