

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
2nd Sunday in Lent | 11:00 AM | March 16, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Aria
Flor Peeters

Nicholas Bowden
Director of Music & Organist

INTROIT

In This Very Room
Ron Harris

The Chancel Choir
Luanna Harms, Mezzo-Soprano

*In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me.
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me.
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.*

*In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us...
In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world...*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence
Associate Minister

*HYMN 142

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**universal*

*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. Lawrence

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lawrence

Artist of souls,
you sculpted a people for yourself
out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.
Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity,
that the discipline of these forty days
may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship,
and wet our thirst for the living water you offer
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 27

Joe Goodwin

- ¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.
³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
⁴One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.
⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
¹⁰If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.
¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
¹²Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.
¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
¹⁴Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Charles Robinson
Minister of Nurture

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

Be Thou My Vision
John Rutter

The Chancel Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art.
 Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord.
 Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might.
 Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always.
 Be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won.
 Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

***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.
 Younger children are invited to attend with a parent.
 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

Luke 18:1-5

Rev. Lawrence

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

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

SERMON

"The Most Important Words: I'll Try Again "

Rev. Short

***HYMN 77**

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You Forever

Choir and **People**
EDELWEISS

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
 grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
 Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever!
 May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Van Askew
Linda Brannon
Nancy Byers

Karen Davis
Martha Hale
Tangie Hubbard

Jerry Light
Bettina McDowell
Ron McDowell

Ingrid Shields
Brenda Tierman
Paul Wiley

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
and in celebration of Gil and Tammy Cook's 40th anniversary.



WEEKENDER

SAGE Trip
Tuesday, March 25

Lenten Concert
The Chancel Choir
Sunday, April 13

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