

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
4th Sunday in Lent | 11:00 AM | March 30, 2025

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Rock of Ages
TOPLADY, arr. Diane Bish

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 98

To God Be the Glory

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Romans 8

UMH 887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

We are sure that

**neither death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thanks be 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.**

*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

The Rev. Drew West
Minister of Families and Children

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 32

Kathie Hansen

- ¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
²Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
³While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
⁶Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
⁸I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
⁹Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.
¹⁰Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
¹¹Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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

*HYMN 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

MOODY

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Short 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

Psalm 121
Diane Bish

The Chancel Choir

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved.
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.*

*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.
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

Mark 11:20-25

Rev. Lawrence

²⁰In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹Then Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." ²²Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. ²³Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. ²⁴So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

²⁵"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.
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SERMON

"The Most Important Words: I Forgive You"

Rev. Short

*HYMN 600

Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF LIFE

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Short

*CHORAL RESPONSE

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

EDELWEISS

*POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony No. 1
Louis Vierne

Mr. Bowden

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



WEEKENDER

Ed Travis
Scholarship Deadline
March 31

Easter Services
Sunday, April 20
6:45, 8:45, 11:00 AM

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