

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - LITTLE ROCK



**August 16th, 2026 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Twelfth
Sunday After Pentecost**

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Prelude in D | John A. Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev.

Heather Rose

Each one of us here is different.

We are unique individuals.

We come from various backgrounds.

We come with differing needs and dreams.

Yet the Lord calls us to worship in unity.

Praise be to God who blesses our diversity and our unity.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 57 †

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

You have drawn us together this day from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, hopes, and dreams, Lord. Be with us as together we experience your presence and your healing love. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive strength, encouragement, and peace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

**May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.**

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David C. Freeman

SONG

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me— the Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sean

Dunbar

ANTHEM

Chancel

Choir

The Kingdom | André Thomas

RE-CONSECRATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
we consecrate these windows.

To the inspiration of all who shall come here to experience the awe
of God,

we consecrate these windows.

To the spiritual enrichment of all who shall come here to offer
praise,

we consecrate these windows.

To the learning of those who shall come here seeking God's way,
we consecrate these windows.

And we consecrate ourselves anew to serve our neighbors by which
we show our love of Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HYMN OF PREPERATION 560 †

Help Us Accept Each Other | United Methodist Hymnal

GOSPEL LESSON †

Linda

Fordyce

Matthew 15: 22-28

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Lunch Money Faith

Rev. David C.

Freeman

OFFERTORY

Kelley

Ponder

The Gift of Love | arr. James Stanley

DOXOLOGY 94 †

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

PRAYER FOR HOLY DISRUPTION †

God of the new and unexpected, Grant us the grace to welcome the "Holy Disruptions" you send our way. Break into our predictable lives with the untamed, unsettling wonder of your Spirit. Shake the foundations of our tidy faith with the fierce urgency of your love, dismantling the systems we have built to keep us safe from your risky, transforming call. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus-our comforter and disrupter. Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 568 †

Lead On, O King Eternal | United Methodist Hymnal

During the singing of the hymn, individuals desiring to join the church are asked to come to the chancel so the pastors may offer membership vows and welcome you to the congregation.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS †

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION †

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

James

Stanley

Fugue in D | John A. Behnke

Communion will be offered after the conclusion of the service.

Anyone wanting to receive, is welcome to re-gather in the first few rows while the pastor blesses the communion elements.

ASSISTING IN

THE SERVICE

Rev. David C. Freeman

Rev. Heather Rose

Sean Dunbar

Organist: James Stanley

Shannon Webb

Chancel Choir

Kelley Ponder

Liturgist: Linda Fordyce

Audio/Visual: Chris Cone, Jake Wyatt

Stuart Mackey

Altar Guild: Gay Poole, Susan Tynes

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory of Emily Burns.
Given by Barbara Gilbert-Wise

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Sandy Watson, Pat Matthews, Kay Bell, Rebecca Remmel, Coralie Hawkins, Jesse Hurst, Patrick Woodruff, Cheryl Sullivan, Lee Johnson.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to grandparents Suzanne and Stuart Mackey and parents Emily Claire and Christian Faubel on the birth of **Winslow Thomas**, born on August 11!

We celebrate with Sarah and Brenden McInerney on the birth of their daughter, **Quinn McInerney**, born Saturday, August 8!





THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, August 16, 2026

9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)

10:00 am Post Service Communion
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Post Service Communion
1:30 pm Beginner Drumming
2:30 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
3:00 pm Intermediate Drumming
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, August 17, 2026

9:00 am Flower Girls
9:00 am Food Bank Backpack Pickup
9:00 am Lil Rock 'n Roll Wash Van to
CALS
1:00 pm Community Café

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

7:00 am Tues. Morning Study Group
9:00 am Staff Meeting
10:30 pm Worship Planning
1:00 pm Community Café
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
5:00 pm Leadership Council Meeting
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

1:00 pm Community Café
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 20, 2026

4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy



First Time Guest?

We're glad you are here! As a thank you, we'd like to make a gift of \$5 in your honor to one of our community partners. Scan the QR code above to choose which organization to receive the donation. Thank you for being our guest today.

Need help with minor home repairs or yard work?

FUMCLR's Handy Helpers may be able to help!

Do you need assistance to change light bulbs or unclog toilets or make other minor repairs in or around your home? FUMCLR's Men of Faith and Action have organized a new group we call "Handy Helpers" which may be able to assist you. If you require assistance with minor repairs or projects, you can **email Rev. Heather Rose at hrose@fumclr.org**. She will then contact one of the cadre of men who have volunteered to see if one or more of them can come to your home and assist you.