



Being good neighbors to make Little Rock a place where children THRIVE.

September 12, 2021 • Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Processional on "St. Anne"*

**GORDON YOUNG**

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David C. Freeman

In ev'ry land begins the song,  
**In ev'ry land the strains belong,**  
In cheerful sounds all voice raise,  
**And fill the world with loudest praise!**  
Come, let us together bless God's holy name

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

† **OPENING HYMN 88**

*Maker in Whom we Live*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 32: 22-32

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Recover

Rev. David C. Freeman

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**OFFERTORY**

*Minuet & Trio*

Mauro Giuliani

† **DOXOLOGY 473**

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness**

**Make thy way plain before my face.**

**For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,**

**That makest me dwell in safety**

† **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **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**

## **GIVING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

### **† INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

### **† WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER**

**I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**







## SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF GOD

### † HYMN OF COMMITMENT 386

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

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.

### † RESPONSE FOR 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

#### POSTLUDE

*Benedictus on "Sicilian Mariners"*

Gordon Young

### ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

**Clergy:** Rev. David C. Freeman,  
Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

**Music & Worship Arts:** James Stanley, Clint Kesterson

**Audio/Visual:** Christopher Cone

**Altar Guild:** Juanita Woodard, Karen Nelson

**Liturgist:** Clint Kesterson

**Altar Flowers:** To the glory of God and in loving memory of Horace Jewell and in honor of Irma Jewell, given by the Jewell family.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Requesting Prayer:** Edna Ricks, Brad Jordan, DeeAnn Holt, Melinda Martin, Harriet Robinson, Glen Taulbee, Ceile Faulkner, Bob Lanford

**Congratulations:** To Audrey and Sean Morell on the safe arrival of their daughter Margot Kate on September 3rd. We share in your joy!

### **PASTORAL CARE**

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### **Afghan Refugee Welcome Team**

We are looking for more volunteers to join our Afghan Refugee Welcome Team. This ministry is in partnership with The Interfaith Center and Catholic Charities in Little Rock. The team will journey with refugees paired with our congregation to help them settled into their life in Little Rock. We don't know *if* or *how many* we will receive, but we want to build a small team to be prepared for their arrival. Some duties of the team include finding housing (a room or apartment), food, cellphone, ESL courses,



enrolling children in school, connecting with the local mosque, etc. If you would like to be a part of this team or have any questions, please contact Rev. Haley at [hjones@fumclr.org](mailto:hjones@fumclr.org). If you have a spare room and would like to be a host, please let her know as well. If you would like to donate to the work of the refugee welcome team, please give directly to the communion fund by donating online or mailing in a check.



FUMC is planning a little something different tonight at 4:00 pm for Communion. We are offering Communion in 6 different communities in Central Arkansas. You will be able to select a location closest to you and partake with other First Church friends in the area. All social distancing and safety measures will be enforced, however we believe this will enable us to be a little more engaged with the church family in our area.

- Pettaway Park - Downtown
- Allsopp Park by Softball Field - Hillcrest
- Merriweather Park - Midtown
- Methodist Foundation of Arkansas (601 Wellington Village Rd) - West Little Rock

- Lake Willastein Park Pavilion - Maumelle
- Old Mill (3800 Lakeshore Dr, North) - North Little Rock

**Digital Memorial Concert Celebrating  
the Life and Leadership of Kyle Linson**

Tuesday, September 14 - 6:00 pm  
Facebook Live or [fumclr.org/LIVE](https://www.facebook.com/fumclr.org/LIVE)



Please join us on our church website or on facebook September 14, at 6:00 PM for an evening of remembrance as the music ministry of First United Methodist Church presents a digital memorial concert celebrating the life and leadership of Kyle Linson.