



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

October 17, 2021 • Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Christ, der du bist der helle tag Partita VII

J.S. Bach

† GREETING

Rev. Haley Jones

We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope.

Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,

And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

Baptized into the reign of God,

where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people

and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

But Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"

Why are we here?

To drink the cup of fullness of life;

To immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace;

To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† **OPENING HYMN 581**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brittany Watson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

† **GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 10: 35-45

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Haley Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Mark Hayes

Kelley Ponder, Mezzo Soprano

† DOXOLOGY 95

**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.**

† INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF GOD

† HYMN OF COMMITMENT 568

Christ of the World We Sing

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

O Gott, du frommer Gott! Partita III

J.S. Bach

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy: Rev. Haley Jones, Rev. Brittany Watson

Music & Worship Arts: James Stanley, Kelley Ponder

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone

Altar Guild: Karen Nelson, Coralie Hawkins

Liturgist: Kelley Ponder

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Ann Nolley, given by her husband, Don Nolley, and her children, Kimberly Ann Johnson and David Andrew Nolley.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer: Edna Ricks, Brad Jordan, Melinda Martin, Glen Taulbee, Ceile Faulkner, Bob Lanford, Dawn Hobson, Natalie Burch, Ed Matthews, Jim Deer, Ashley Block

Sympathy:

To the family and friends of Rev. Joseph Perez, who died on October 5th.

PASTORAL CARE

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COSTUME BLESSING

Sunday, October 31 at 11:00 am

Since Halloween is on Sunday this year we have some special surprises as part of our worship at 11 am. Part of the fun will be a blessing of our Halloween costumes. Everyone, kids and adults alike, are invited to wear all or part of your Halloween costume as we give thanks for the joy and ask for safety during our time of worship together. Joining us online? You can still join in on the fun at either our 9 or 11 am worship.

Family Camp

Woolly Hollow State Park

October 30-31

Spend the day and/or camp the night with us. Gather at 10:00am on Saturday for hiking, sitting around the fire, canoeing, kayaking, crafting and more! Camping overnight? Wear your Halloween costume and enjoy a hotdog supper, s'mores, and trick or treating around camp. We will have a time of worship around the fire on Sunday morning at 11:00am.

RSVP to Ms. Tammy at tfelder@fumclr.org

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Praying for YOU!

Eighteen months of separation and isolation have left us all feeling disconnected. To overcome that, we're searching for all kinds of ways to enhance people's sense of connection to one another and the church as a whole. That process begins with prayer. Each week, we'll be listing about 20 names in the newsletter for you to pray for during the week. Over the next several months, we'll be working our way through the church roll (backwards alphabetically) so that everyone is lifted in prayer. You may not know these people personally, but that doesn't matter. Praying for someone by name is a powerful way to experience a connection beyond physical distance. We'll be connected by the Spirit and the power of praying for one another. **Here are the names for you to pray for this week: Betty, Dwight, Cindy, Luke, Rob, Katie, Jamie, Joshua, Jillian, Charlie, Cindy, Jim, Jay, Scarlett, Sterling, Charlie, Lisa, Jason, Jeanne, Jeffrey, Pamela, Terri**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 17, 2021

- 9:00 am First Word (Online)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm First Youth
- 7:00 pm Sunday Vespers (Online)

MONDAY, October 18, 2021

- 9:00 am Flower Girls
- 12:00 pm LifeGroup: Caring for Aging Parents

TUESDAY, October 19, 2021

- 7:00 am Tuesday Study Group (Zoom)
- 10:30 am Worship Meeting
- 12:00 pm Prayer w/ a Pastor
- 5:00 pm Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Executive Board of Stewards Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Grief Journey Group
- 6:30 pm Enneagram Group