



November 21, 2021 • Christ the King Sunday

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Diapasons & Cornet*

Richard Proulx

### † GREETING

Rev. David Freeman

As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....

**So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness, healing and peace.**

We have been blessed with many gifts, talents, and resources.

**God invites us to use these gifts, talents, and resources for healing, peace, and hope.**

Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

**Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.**

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

† **OPENING HYMN 694**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

**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.**

**OFFERTORY**

*Thanks Be to God*

Tim Bartlett

Stanley Dickson

† **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.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Joel 2: 21-27*

Anna Beth Gorman

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## † HYMN 131

*We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing*

**SERMON**

Alabanza

Rev. David C. Freeman

## † INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Will you be faithful to Jesus Christ and live out that faith through First United Methodist Church of Little Rock with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

**We still do! This is our commitment to God and to one another: We give thanks for all that God has already given us through the communion of Christian love. As members together in the body of Christ and in First United Methodist Church of downtown Little Rock, we celebrate our promise to offer ourselves fully to God and to this community of God, by giving our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, so that in everything we do, every word we say, everyone we meet, every place we go, God may be glorified, Jesus may be seen, and the transforming wind of the Holy Spirit may blow.**







## SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF GOD

### † HYMN OF COMMITMENT 102

*Now Thank We All Our God*

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward to place your Commitment Cards in the baskets at the front (or in the balcony). If you do not have a Commitment Card, please notify the ushers and they will provide one.

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

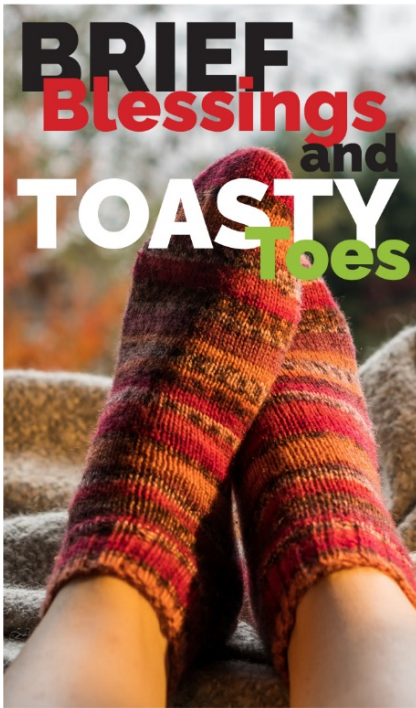
**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our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

### † BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

Richard Proulx



Join us this Advent for our annual Brief Blessings and Toasty Toes event that helps our unsheltered neighbors stay warm and dry during the cold season. Your donations of socks, underwear, hats, and gloves will be split among Jericho Way, Our House, Canvas Community, Compassion Center, and The Van. You can bring your donations to worship at 9:00 am or 11:00 am. Email Rev. Haley at [hjones@fumclr.org](mailto:hjones@fumclr.org) for any questions.

## **November 28**

Women's Socks and Underwear

### **Caring Christmas 2021**

Please plan to support Caring Christmas 2021!

It's easy - here's how:

Purchase \$50 dollar gifts cards from Walmart or Target

Deliver gift cards to the Church office by December 5

**That's it!**

Your generous donations will support 100 children at our long-time partners, the Gertrude Remmel Butler Methodist Child Development Center and St. Andrew United Methodist Church.

**WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK.** We have embraced our role in urban ministry. Our members and friends



come because they are attracted to our vitality, warmth, friendliness, and energy. They stay because we travel with them on their journey.

**ONES FOR THE MANY.** Each week all the \$1 bills placed in the offering plate are donated to 'Ones for the Many.' These donations will go to support our friends and neighbors who visit us in need of birth certificates, state ids, prescriptions, and a place of rest in the Community Cafe. Your donations go directly back to our community.

**AUDIO AND VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.** CD's and DVD's of today's service are available by calling the church office at 501.372.2256 or by emailing Lesley Andrews at [landrews@fumclr.org](mailto:landrews@fumclr.org).

**ATTENTION PARENTS.** We understand that worshipping with children can be an adventure, but it is an essential part of their growth in Christ. If your child is staying in worship, we have busy bags hanging on the hooks just outside both entrances. The narthex is the entrance from Center Street and bags are located to the left as you enter. The other entrance, from the hallway behind the sanctuary, has bags as well.