

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - LITTLE ROCK



# Surviving to **Thriving**

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

**MAY 1, 2022 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## GATHERING

### **PRELUDE**

James Stanley

*Basse et Dessus de Trompette* | Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Haley Jones

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE †**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

### **OPENING HYMN †**

*Come, Christians Join to Sing* | United Methodist Hymnal 158

## **WELCOME STATEMENT †**

Rev. David Freeman

You are a child of God created in the Divine Image. You are welcomed, affirmed, and included at First Church, not despite, but because of your age, ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity. This is how the Holy Spirit works: when you are welcomed, all are welcomed. When all are welcomed and embraced as the Body of Christ, the world is transformed into a place where all of God's children can THRIVE, finding the Trust, Health, Relationship, Imagination, Value, and Education they need.

We are all children of God. Thanks be to God!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

Chancel Choir

*The Lord Be Near Us* | Timothy Dudley-Smith and Hal H. Hopson

Kent Holt, Piano

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### **GOSPEL LESSON** | Luke 8: 40-48 †

Rev. J. Wayne Clark

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

### **SERMON**

Isolation to Connection & Belonging  
Surviving to Thriving Series, Week 1

Rev. David Freeman

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### **OFFERTORY**

Kelley Ponder

*True Colors* | Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelley

### **DOXOLOGY †** | United Methodist Hymnal 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, 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!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION †**

### **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION †**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING †**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **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.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE ESSENTIAL LIFE †**

**All:** Let us take hold of the life that really is life!

**Leader:** Go into the world pursuing justice.

**All:** Let us take hold of the life that really is life!

**Leader:** Go into the world seeking to share.

**All:** Let us take hold of the life that really is life!

**Leader:** Go into the world putting love into action.

**All:** Let us take hold of the life that really is life!

**Leader:** Go into the world seeing the Christ in all we meet.

**All:** Let us take hold of the life that really is life!

## **CLOSING HYMN †**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds* | United Methodist Hymnal 557

## SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

## **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 †**

## **CHORAL BENEDICTION †**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You* | Peter Lutkin

## **POSTLUDE**

*Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux* | Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

James Stanley

## **Young(ish) Adult Happy Hour**

**May 4th at 5:30 p.m. at Fassler Hall**

All young(ish) adults are invited to drop by for a chat or hang out for dinner as we gather for fun and fellowship. No need to RSVP, but let Brittany know if you need childcare so we can save your spot at the nursery. Hope to see you there!

## **Special Time of Prayer for Healthcare Workers**

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 and 11 am**

We know how exhausting and challenging the past two years of pandemic have been for medical professionals. It has left many people in healthcare feeling burned out or even resentful. As a part of National Nurses Week, we will have a special time in worship on May 8th to offer prayers for healthcare professionals. We want to thank God for all they have given to fight COVID-19 and pray that passion for their healing work be restored. If you work in healthcare, please worship with us at 9:00 or 11:00 that day as we share in this special time. You and your vocation are important to our church and honored by God.

## **Jericho Way Housing Bash- Volunteers Needed**

**Monday, May 9 5:30 pm-7:00 pm , Fellowship Hall**

We are back partnering with Jericho Way to celebrate their community that has been rehoused out of homelessness. Sustainability in housing requires community! We are having a summer bash themed supper with music, fellowship, and giveaways, but we need your help. Email Rev. Haley if you would like to help decorate, serve food, greet, check-in, and just hangout in great friendship.



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## **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE**

**Clergy:** Rev. David Freeman, Rev. Haley Jones,  
Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson, & Rev. Donna Hankins

**Music & Worship Arts:** Chancel Choir, Kent Holt, Kelley Ponder, & James Stanley

**Audio/Visual:** Christopher Cone

**Altar Guild:** Pamela Owen & Lisa Warren

**Liturgist:** Rev. J. Wayne Clark

**Altar Flowers:** To the glory of God and in honor of Greg Daniels and  
The Flower Girls given by Jane Harkey.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **Requesting Prayer:**

Pat Matthews, Lynda Lewis, Murl Deaton, Linda Baker, Mark Wyers, Grace Hopper, Bob Nelson, Ceile Faulkner, Pat Blackstone, Marianne Ligon, Kristi Rodgers, Ashley Block, the people of Ukraine, all displaced people.

### **Sympathy**

To Gordon, George, Murry, and John Newbern with the death of their father, David Newbern on April 24.

To Laura and Jonathan and the entire Coulter family and friends following the death of John Coulter on April 22nd.

To Larry and Lisa Spann following the death of Larry's father, Claude Wawak, on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Martin and Melissa Thoma on the birth of their granddaughter, Beatrix Martine Emmons on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Craig and Nancy Wood on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Rosemary May Riels, on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Sunday Morning Class Updates

Due to COVID19, many of our Sunday Morning classes will make changes from time to time in their schedules. We'll do our best to keep a running list of classes and their status below.

### **Quadrilateral (Rm 205)**

In-Person

### **Koinonia (Rm 209)**

In-Person

### **Unity (Rm 204)**

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom

### **Anderson Sherman (Rm 212)**

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom

### **Choate (Rm 210)**

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom

### **Bowen Cabe (Rm 203)**

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### **Sunday, May 1, 2022**

- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
- 10:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00am First Family Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm First YOUth

### **Monday, May 2, 2022**

- 9:00 am Flower Girls

### **Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

- 7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study (Zoom)
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Worship Planning

### **Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

- 5:30 pm Center Street Ringers
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, May 5, 2022**

- 7:00 pm Ensemble Choir



**First Cup Gallery Night, Friday, May 13, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm**

**A celebration of the arts and artists of**

**First United Methodist Church, Little Rock**

We have joined the trail of art across downtown Little Rock for the city's Second Friday Art Night. Stop in to enjoy a glass of wine and light hors d'oeuvres while you take in the music and art of First United Methodist Church, Little Rock members and friends. We look forward to this night of beauty as we all seek to heal from the challenges of the global pandemic.

If you would like to display your art in the First Cup Gallery, please email James at [jstanley@fumclr.org](mailto:jstanley@fumclr.org).

If you would like to volunteer for a portion of the evening, please email Rev. Haley at [hjones@fumclr.org](mailto:hjones@fumclr.org).