



Back to the Basics

October 2, 2022 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus | Marianne Kim

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. David Freeman

Around the world people gather to break bread and share cup.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

OPENING HYMN 75†

All People That on Earth Do Dwell | United Methodist Hymnal 75

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Haley Jones

Sovereign God, you formed humanity in your own image and filled us with your Holy Spirit; through our worship here today, transform our thoughts and minds that we might see your face in all of your children and treat them as beloved members of your family: we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN 624†

Bread of the World | United Methodist Hymnal 624

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

O Love | Elaine Hagenberg

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12: 3-21 | Pew Bible, New Testament Page 151

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Courtney Beard

SERMON Back to the Basics: Serving

Rev. Haley Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation | Marianne Kim

James Stanley

DOXOLOGY † | United Methodist Hymnal 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!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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. Hosanna in the highest

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

Hosanna in the highest. 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. 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND GIVING OF THE CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Chancel Choir

Ave Verum Corpus | W.A. Mozart

[SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD](#)

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

CLOSING HYMN 463 †

Lord, Speak to Me | United Methodist Hymnal 463

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 †

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Procession of Joy | Hal H. Hopson

James Stanley



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ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy: Rev. David Freeman, Rev. Haley Jones, Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Music & Worship Arts: James Stanley, Shannon Rookey, Chancel Choir

Liturgist: Courtney Beard

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone, Jake Wyatt

Altar Guild: Coralie Hawkins & Susan Weir

Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in memory of Emily Conrad. Given by Barbara Gilbert Wise.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Pat Lile, Jim Powers, Jim Deer, Lynda Langford, Victoria Cochran, Sammye Cravens, Tim Bartlett, Betsy Hoffman, Irma Jewell, Pat Blackstone, Lee Johnson, Marianne Ligon, Ceile Faulkner, the people of Ukraine, victims of gun violence.

Congratulations:

To Barbara and George Wise following the birth of their first grandchild, Graham Gilbert Wise on September 17th.

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 301)

In-Person

Unity (Rm 204)

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom

Anderson Sherman (Rm 212)

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom

Choate (Rm 210)

In-Person

Bowen Cabe (Rm 203)

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom

FUMCLR and Jericho Way

Jericho Way reached out for a desperate need for volunteers to work in the laundry or shower room. Laundry is Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 7:00am until 25 loads completed. Shower duty is from 7:30am-12:30pm. You will be trained upon arrival and staff are always close by. Rev. Haley is going on Wednesday for laundry if you want to go with her for your first time. This is a fantastic way to serve our neighbors and help meet their immediate needs.

You may scan the following SERVE QR Code to fill in a form requesting more information about SERVE Opportunities.



OTHER INVITATIONS:

JOIN US FOR PRIDE FEST!

FUMCLR is a gold sponsor for this year's Pride Fest on October 15th in Argenta! We are looking for a small group or individuals to help with the float and booth! Ideally a small group would volunteer to design and coordinate the float, while many First Church friends volunteer to represent in both the parade and the Pride Fest booth. Central Arkansas Pride is committed to uplifting our local LGBTQ+ organizations, and we are proud to be a community partner. If you would like to participate, please email Lesley (landrews@fumclr.org).

- Parade Participate**
- Booth Worker**

CONTACT

Ways to SERVE at FUMCLR – Check the opportunities of interest.

- FANN
- FANN for Children and Families
- Laundry service at Jericho Way
- Our House 5th Sunday Supper
- The Pantry on Wildcat Way at
- Washington Elementary (food bags)
- AR Kids Read at Washington
- Elementary (tutoring)
- Kiva (donations)
- Church Wide (all ages) Quarterly Projects
- UMCOR School Kits Packing, November 6 First Cup Café, 8:30-10:30am

CONTACT



First United Methodist Church
DOWNTOWN
Little Rock

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.

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.

ATTENTION PARENTS. We understand worshiping with children can be an adventure, but it is an essential part of their growth in Christ. If your child is staying in worship, please see an usher if you would like a worship bag. However, if you desire a nursery, one is available on the second floor outside the Sanctuary. If you need assistance, please see an usher or a member of the Hospitality Team.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, October 2, 2022

- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
- 10:00 am Family Sunday School
- 10:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Spiritual Practice Class (Chapel)
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 pm Pet Blessing (Pettaway Park)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation Congregation Visit
- 5:00 pm First YOUth

Monday, October 3, 2022

- 9:00 am Flower Girls
- 5:00 pm SPRC Meeting
- 6:30 pm Taiko Drumming (gym)

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

- 7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study (Hybrid/Rm. 204 & Zoom)
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Worship Planning

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

- 9:30 am CDC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Center Street Ringers
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6, 2022

- 6:00 pm Young Adult Happy Hour @ Stonestrow MacPark
- 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal

Saturday, October 8, 2022

- 7:00 pm Lyon College Concert