

May 28, 2023 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

James Stanley

O For a Thousand Tongues | Marilyn Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. David C. Freeman

On Pentecost we welcome the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Ghost!

Fill our Hearts

Come Holy Ghost!

Heal what is hurting

Come Holy Ghost!

Flex what is rigid

Come Holy Ghost!

Correct what goes astray

Come Holy Ghost!

Grant us your peace

Come Holy Ghost!

Lead us into everlasting JOY!

OPENING HYMN 404 †

Every Time I Feel the Spirit | United Methodist Hymnal 404

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

GREETINGS & 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

HYMN 544 †

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song | United Methodist Hymnal 544

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Donna Hankins

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2: 1-21, 37-47 | **PEW BIBLE, NEW TESTAMENT PAGE 112**
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Emilee Baker, Japanese
Alex Robinson, Spanish
Claudia Utley, German

ANTHEM

Shed a Little Light | James Taylor

Chancel Choir
Kelley Ponder, soloist

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Shannon Webb

Make a Joyful Noise | Mark Hayes

DOXOLOGY †

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | 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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

As a community and individuals, responding to God's grace, we seek to be good neighbors to make Little Rock a place where all God's children THRIVE. Through our spiritual journey and life in the community, we will work for the core values we believe all children of God need; Trust, Health, Relationships, Imagination, Value, and Education.

CLOSING HYMN 333 †

I'm Goin' Sing When the Spirit Says Sing | United Methodist Hymnal 333

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.

BENEDICTION †

CHORAL BENEDICTION †

Chancel Choir

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

Acts 2: 1-21, 37-47

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy: Rev. David C. Freeman, Rev. Donna Hankins, Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

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

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone

Altar Guild: Susan Weir & Juanita Woodard

Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Natalia Sara Azar Oswald & George Whitmore Robben, given by Sarah Spencer & Fred Oswald.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Hatley Rodgers, Rick Englert, Heather Schisler, Sharone Bullock, Michael Perry, Helen Herr, Hal Hedges, Pat Blackstone, Bill Lewis, Ceile Faulkner, Nick Thompson, Kaye Hoover, Bobby Williams, the people of Ukraine, victims of gun violence, our leaders, the United Methodist church.

Sympathy:

To the family and friends of Ray Reid who died May 19th.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, May 28, 2023

- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm First YOUth
- 5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, May 29, 2023

BUILDING CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

- 7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study
- 10:30 am Worship Planning
- 1:00 pm Community Café

Wednesday, June 1, 2023

- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 2, 2023

- 5:00 pm Youngish Adult Happy Hour

Summer Office Hours

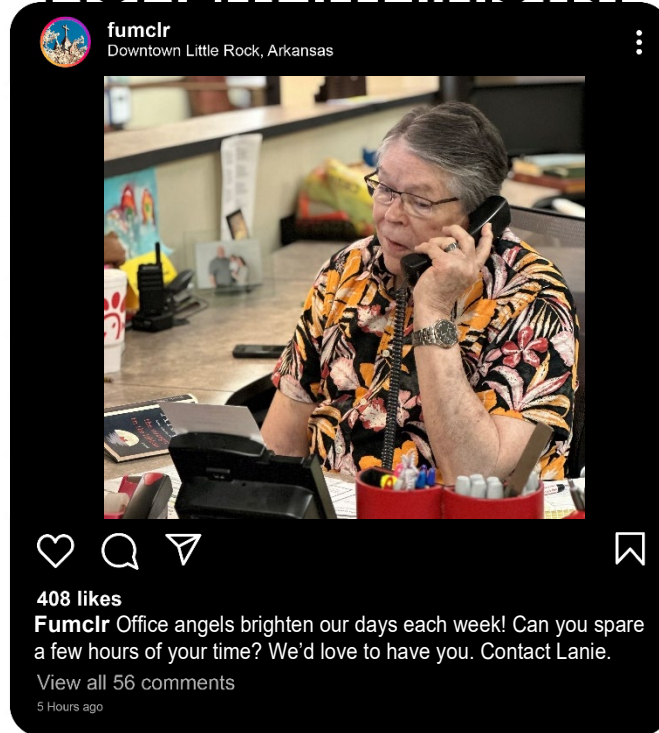
The Staff Parish Relations Committee has set temporary summer hours for our church office. Between May 26th and September 4th, the church office will be open:

Mon – Thurs
Friday

8:00am to 5:00pm
CLOSED

If you need emergency assistance from staff when the office is closed, you may contact them with their direct phone extensions.

MOMENT IN MINISTRY



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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNALS. An usher will be happy to help you find the large print bulletins and United Methodist Hymnals on the center table in the Narthex, as you enter the church. Please return the hymnal to the table at the conclusion of the service.

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.