

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - LITTLE ROCK

How to...

How to Read the Bible

January 21, 2024 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on Azmon | David Lasky

James Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP [†]

Rev. Natasha Murray
Charles Wesley

Glory to God, and praise and love
be ever, ever given,
**by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.**

On this glad day the glorious Sun
of Righteousness arose;
**on our benighted souls he shone
and filled them with repose.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 57, verses 1-5 & 7 [†]

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing | United Methodist Hymnal

PASSING OF THE PEACE [†]Rev. Haley Jones Wells

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY [†]

(Psalm 84: 1-7)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! We long to be where you are; to stand in your very presence, and to behold you, face to face! And so we have come to this place today; we have gathered together to worship you— to offer the praise which belongs to you alone. Bless us as we worship you together, and as we open our hearts and minds to your presence among us. For you alone are God, the one in whom we trust. Amen.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to tell me if He were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Brittany Richardson 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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Tim Bartlett

1 Corinthians 14: 26 - 40 | Pew Bible, New Testament Page 166

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

SERMON

How to Read the Bible: Part 2

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

OFFERTORY

Ensemble

Offertory | John Ness Beck

DOXOLOGY 94 †

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | United Methodist Hymnal

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 †

CLOSING HYMN 60 †

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath | United Methodist Hymnal
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.

Reception of 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 [†] Ensemble

Until We Meet Again | Christi Jones

POSTLUDE

James Stanley

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy: Rev. Natasha Murray,

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson, Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Music & Worship Arts: James Stanley, Shannon Webb, Ensemble

Liturgist: Tim Bartlett

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone, Lesley Andrews

Acolytes: Addison Diamant, Peyton Keever

Altar Guild: Karen Nelson, Gwenn Bartlett

Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in memory of Brad Jordan, given by Helen Herr.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Susan Weir, Dee Ann Holt, Linda Deloney, Linda Fordyce, Helen Herr, Hatley Rodgers, Savannah Smith, Leone Fenton, Coralie Hawkins, Les Haynie, Steve Cross, Gary Villines, Betty Harris, Shawn McMurray, Julie Diamant, Bob Nelson, Joy Rockenbach, Anna Grace Clark Watt, Nick Thompson, Heather Rose, Heather Hill, Bill Lewis, Ann Marie Trammell, Rosie Howard, Jeff Crowe, Mark Roberts

Sympathy

To family and friends of Jo Clair Hays following her death on January 12th .

To Larry Spann and family following the death of his brother, George Wawack, on January 12th .

UPDATED DATE

Please join us to kick off the
Campaign for a Sacred Spaces with a

Prayer Service

5:30 p.m. January 28

in the Sanctuary



SACRED SPACES
Windows to Our Past, Bridges to Our Future

Toccata Brevis on Azmon | David Lasky