

April 21, 2024 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Fourth Sunday of Easter

[GATHERING](#)

PRELUDE

Sacred Spaces (2024) | James Stanley

Brass Quartet

CHORAL INTROIT

Alleluia from Cantata 162 | Franz Khunah

Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP †

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 102, verses 1-2 †

Now Thank We All Our God | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Natasha Murray

Loving God, be close to those who dwell in this sacred and holy space. May its walls be a reminder of the strength and shelter you offer to your people. May they remain strong to provide sanctuary and peace to all who enter. May its windows tell us the story of your love and inspire in us your hope. May its door be a reminder that you stand waiting at the door of our hearts and may it always remain open in hospitality to the stranger and the forgotten. May the fullness of peace and joy embrace all who come here. May good conversation, willing collaboration, generosity, hearty laughter and love of You rest on all who enter this space. Amen.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

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

SONG

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

Shannon Webb

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Anthony Thomas Caserta, son of Kat & Brian Caserta

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Anthony, Anthony, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too. Anthony, Anthony, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

OFFERTORY

In the River | James Stanley

Ensemble

DOXOLOGY 102, verse 3 †

Now Thank We All Our God | United Methodist Hymnal
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. David C. Freeman

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Diane Thomas-Holladay

Revelation 21: 10-23 | **Pew Bible, New Testament Page 241**

The word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Temple

Rev. Britt Skarda

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SEVEN WINDOWS OF TRANSFORMATION †

BLESSING OF COMMITMENTS †

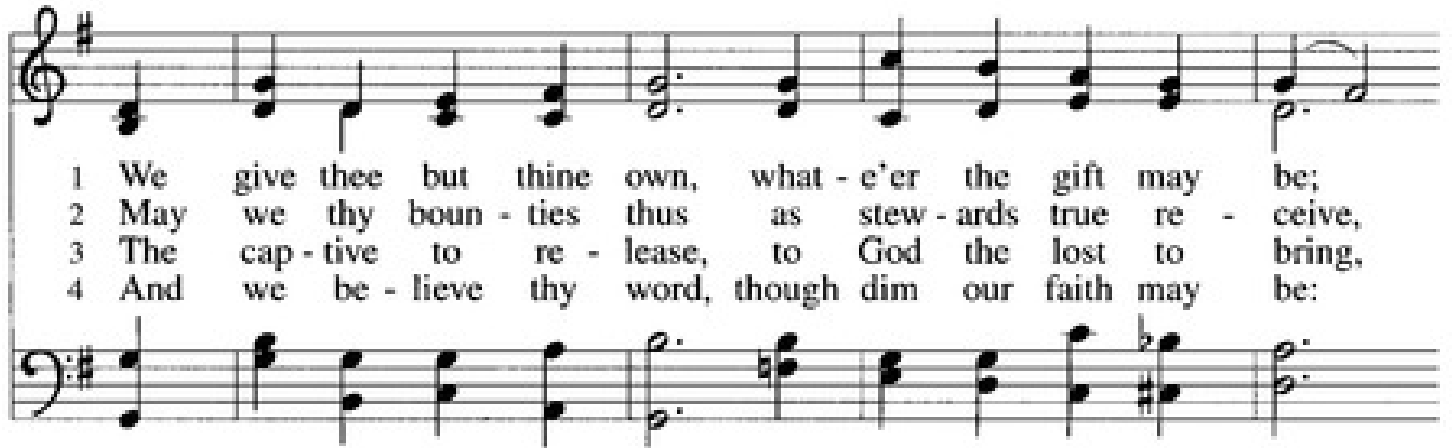
O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given, and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples, and advance the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

OFFERING OF SACRED SPACES COMMITMENTS

CLOSING HYMN †

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing,
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.





BRUNCH

YOUNG(ISH)
ADULTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
12 NOON

FUMCLR Young(ish) Adults will walk to Big Bad Breakfast downtown after 11:00 worship on Sunday, April 28. Sign up via the link to let us know you're coming! Walk with us or meet us there!

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 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, 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.