



September 8, 2024 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | 16th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Voluntary in A Minor | George Frideric Handel

James Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP [†]

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved
In good times and in bad times, we trust in the Lord our God.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, God's people are surrounded, from
this time on and for evermore

**We are surrounded by God's goodness and mercy; we are surrounded by
God's love and peace.**

The Lord does good to those who are upright in heart and do good).

**We believe that we will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the
living. We come to worship the Lord who surrounds us, does good to us,
and invites us to trust.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 462 [†]

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus | United Methodist Hymnal

LITANY BASED ON PSALM 125 by Rich Bitterman †

Gracious Lord, We come before you, trusting in your steadfast love and unwavering strength, just as Your word says,

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

We thank you for surrounding us with your protection, guarding us like the mountains surrounding Jerusalem.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

Grant us the wisdom to lean on your everlasting arms, knowing that our trust in you will never be in vain.

The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous.

Help us to live our lives rooted in your righteousness, standing firm in your grace and truth.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.

We ask for your blessings upon our endeavors, knowing that it is only by your grace that we can succeed.

May the Lord bless his people with peace.

Thank you for being our rock and our fortress, our shield and our strength. May we always find our refuge in you.

Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

The love of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 349 †

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

MINISTRY MOMENT

Washington Elementary

Angelia Johnson

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

HYMN

Unshaken as the Sacred Hills

Isaac Watts, 1707

Dundee C.M.

Scottish Psalter, 1615

Un - shak - en as the sa - cred hills, And fixed as moun - tains stand,
Not walls nor hills could guard so well Fair Sa - lem's hap - py ground
Do good, O Lord, do good to those Who cleave to Thee in heart,

Firm as a rock the soul shall rest That trusts th'Al - might - y hand.
As those e - ter - nal arms of love That ev - ery saint sur - round.
Who on Thy truth a - lone re - pose, Nor from Thy law de - part.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

Trust in the Lord | Allen Pote

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

GOSPEL LESSON †

Eric Zenor

Matthew 1:1-17 | Pew Bible, New Testament Page 1

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Past is Prologue

Rev. David C. Freeman

A Story Worth Living Reflection Prompts

What have been the most significant moments of your spiritual life?

Who are some of the people paved the path of your spiritual journey?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Our Father | Craig Courtney

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!

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

OUR PRAYER FOR HOPE †

God of Heaven and Earth, in this season, I commit to seeking justice, sowing seeds of unity, acting with kindness, and loving my neighbors even when we disagree. I release myself from anger, cruelty, violence, and despair. I allow hope to fill my mind, my body, and my spirit. I allow your love to guide me. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 536 †

Precious Name | United Methodist Hymnal

BENEDICTION †

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

James Stanley

Fugue in A Minor | George Frideric Handel

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

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

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

Liturgist: Eric Zenor

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone,
Stuart Mackey

Altar Guild: Suzanne Mackey,
Lisa Warren

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in honor of Kyle Linson's heavenly birthday given by the Taco Tuesday boys!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Bill Naylor, Kathy Blackmon, Jason Cline & Family, Brian Kinder, Emily Taylor, The Clark Family, Mary Davis, Sidney Beal, Chad Wycoff, Linda Deloney, Savannah Smith, Coralie Hawkins, Les Haynie, Steve Cross, Heather Rose, Heather Hill, Bill Lewis, Ann Marie Trammell, Rosie Howard, Jeff Crowe, Mike Pack, Tracy Tomlinson, Gayle Bogy

Congratulations

Congratulations to parents Stephanie and Everett Roddy and grandmother Carol Roddy on the birth of Maxine Johanna on August 28th.

Sympathy

Prayers of sympathy and comfort for David and Liz Russell in the death of David's sister, Mary, who passed away on August 29th.



THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, September 8, 2024

- 7:30 am Quapaw Quarter
Community Breakfast
- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm UWF Luncheon & Meeting
- 5:00 pm Youth Gathering
- 5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, September 9, 2024

- 9:00 am Flower Girls
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 3:00 pm Washing Elementary Basketball
- 5:00 pm Staff Parish Relation Comm.
- 6:30 pm Adult Into to Taiko Drumming

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

- 7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Worship Planning
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 4:15 pm FANN
- 6:00 pm Taiko Drumming

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

- 9:30 am CDC chapel
- 12:00 pm CDC Board Meeting
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 5:30 pm Center St. Ringers Rehearsal
- 3:00 pm Washing Elementary Basketball
- 5:00 pm Board of Trustees
- 5:00 pm Wed. Night on Center St.
- 5:30 pm Center St Ringers

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 12, 2024

12:00 pm Caregivers Group

3:00 pm Washing Elementary Basketball

7:00 pm Ensemble

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