



October 13, 2024 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM  
21st Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* | Dar R. Edwards

Center Street Ringers

**CALL TO WORSHIP** †

God has called us all to lives of hope and service.

**We want to serve God, but sometimes life gets to be too difficult.**

Place your trust in God's power and love.

**God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.**

Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

**Praise God for God's eternal presence. AMEN.**

Rev. Natasha Murray

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN (INSERT) VERSES 1-4†**

*The Summons*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY †**

**Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. AMEN.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE †**

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

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN (INSERT) VERSE 5<sup>†</sup>**

*The Summons*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MINISTRY MOMENT**

Eric Zenor

## **SONG 277**

**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.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;**

**Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the love-light of Jesus' face.**

## **BLESSING OF THE BIBLES**

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

**Almighty God, thank you for the gift of the Bible: For the stories that we can read on its pages and for the wisdom that we can cherish in our hearts. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our children as they continue to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. In the Name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

*Arioso* | Michael Helman

Center Street Ringers

## 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

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON †

Mark Wyers

Mark 10:17-31 | Pew Bible, New Testament Page 44

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

#### SERMON

Everything and Nothing All at Once.

Rev. David C. Freeman

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### OFFERTORY

Center Street Ringers

*Happy the Home When God is There* | Jason W. Krug

#### 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

### **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 356 †**

*When We Are Living* | United Methodist Hymnal

### **PRAYER FOR CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE †**

**God bless the path on which you go. God bless the earth beneath your feet. God bless your destination. God be a smooth way before you, a guiding star above you, a keen eye behind you. God be with you whatever you pass. Jesus be with you whatever you climb. Spirit be with you wherever you stay. May God bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May God bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION †**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary No. 7* | Arlen Clarke

James Stanley

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

**Clergy:** Rev. David C. Freeman,  
Rev. Natasha Murray,  
Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson,

**Music & Worship Arts:** Center Street Ringers, James Stanley, Shannon Webb

**Liturgist:** Mark Wyers

**Audio/Visual:** Stuart Mackey,  
Lesley Andrews

**Altar Guild:** Suzanne Mackey, Karen Nelson, and Kim Keith

**Altar Flowers:** To the Glory of God and in memory of all babies and newborns lost too soon. Especially remembering three unborn Konecny babies on National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day today, given by Lanie and David Konecny.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### **Requesting Prayer:**

DC Mom, Laura Webb, Bob Mosely, Susan Weir, Coralie Hawkins

### **Hurricane Relief**

Your prayers, coupled with financial gifts, can provide relief to those impacted by the devastating hurricanes of Helene and Milton. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the best way for you to help. UMCOR provides direct support to both immediate and long-term relief efforts. If you would like to give a gift to UMCOR, you may do so on our website ([www.fumclr.org/giving](http://www.fumclr.org/giving)) or place your gift in the offering plate this Sunday marked UMCOR.

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

### **Sunday, October 13, 2024**

- 8:30 am Quapaw Quarter Breakfast Ministry
- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Camp Aldersgate Fish Fry
- 5:00 pm Youth Gathering
- 5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

### **Monday, October 14, 2024**

- 9:00 am Flower Girls
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 3:00 pm Washington Elem. Basketball
- 6:30 pm Adult Intro to Taiko Drumming

### **Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

- 7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Worship Planning
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 3:00 pm First Arts (Gym)
- 5:00 pm Stewardship & Finance (Rm 204)
- 6:00 pm Executive Board of Stewards  
(Rm 204)
- 6:00 pm Taiko Drumming

### **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

- 9:30 am CDC chapel
- 9:30 am Downtown Ministers' Alliance
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 3:00 pm Washington Elem. Basketball
- 5:30 pm Center St Ringers
- 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

### **Saturday, October 19, 2024**

- 12:00 pm PrideFest (NLR)





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## **Support Pride Fest 2024**

**Sat., October 19th**

**Parade at Noon, PRIDE Fest 12-6pm**

Walk with us in the parade at noon  
or work a shift in the FUMCLR booth.

**Sign up on the Journey Card!**



**Pick it Up!**  
LITTLE ROCK

**FUMCLR**  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - LITTLE ROCK

**INTERGENERATIONAL TRASH BASH**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

9:00AM GATHER  
9:30AM-11:00 PICKUP TRASH

**MEET AT THE CHURCH FOR COFFEE + DONUTS THEN HEAD OUT TO PICKUP TRASH IN THREE AREAS ACROSS THE CITY.**