



**May 4th, 2025 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Third Sunday Of
Easter**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Meditation in E Major | Phil Lehenbauer

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Al Sexton

Great Spirit of God, you have healed our wounds.

You have brought us from paths of hurt and anger.

You have blessed our life that we might be a blessing to others.

Let us worship you in great joy.

Let us remember the ways you have turned our mourning into dancing.

Let us give thanks to you forever. AMEN.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 318 †

Christ is Alive | *United Methodist Hymnal*

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

Rev. Natasha Murray

**God's favor lasts a lifetime.
The Lord forgives our shortcomings
and sends deliverance through Christ,
just as the Lord forgave Saul
and used him to spread the gospel.
Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Ozark Mission Project

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

George Graves, Son of Crystal and Scott Graves

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Al Sexton

Acts 9: 1-20

This is the word of god for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. David C. Freeman

You do the loving. I'll do the converting.

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OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Hallelujah Amen from Judas Maccabeus \ G.F. Handel

DOXOLOGY 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 COMMUNION †

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and with the risen Christ.

We come, ready to partake of bread and cup; ready to commune with one another and with the living God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING †

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together...

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP

*Communion hymns can be found on pages 378, 581
in the United Methodist Hymnal.*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 303 †

The Day of Resurrection \ United Methodist Hymnal

BENEDICTION †

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE †

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

March In D Major | Phil Lehenbauer

James Stanley

Beer & Hymns- Thursday, May 8, 6-7 pm

Join us for a good old-fashioned hymn sing!
BYO Drink & Snacks to share!

Childcare upon request, CONTACT - BWATSON@FUMCLR.ORG
At the home of Craig and Marian Berry
480 Ridgeway Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, May 4, 2025

9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm First Arts Sunday's
5:00 pm Youth Gathering

Monday, May 5, 2025

9:00 am Flower Girls
10:00 am Donna Jackson's Memorial
1:00 pm Community Café
5:00 pm SPRC Meeting
6:30 pm Beginner Taiko

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study

9:00 am Staff Meeting
10:30 am Worship Planning
1:00 pm Community Café
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

9:30 am CDC Chapel
10:00 am CDC Graduation Practice
11:00 am Canvas Meal Prep
1:00 pm Community Café
5:45 pm Center St Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 8, 2025

10:00 am PALS Small Group
12:00 am Caregiver's Group