



**June 1st, 2025 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Seventh
Sunday Of Easter**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

James

Stanley

Toccata on Christe Sanctorum / James Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Catherine Block

Why do you look upward?

Our Lord has been taken away into heaven.

Look around you. What do you see?

**There are so many places where the love of God is
needed.**

Look beyond you. Where will you go?

**Christ calls to go into the world, bringing God's healing
love to all. AMEN.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 188 vs 1-3 †

Christ is the World's Light / United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

Rev. David C.

Freeman

Astounding God, we come before you this day as witnesses to Christ's ascension from this realm to the heavenly kingdom. We stand in awe and wonder at what we hear and see. Open the eyes of our hearts to see the power and truth of your words. Give us courage and joy that we might be witnesses to your eternal love through Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 188 vs 4 †

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Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory,
Spirit, Son, and Father; give God the glory, God with us, my
brother: Glory to God on high!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Watson

Rev. Brittany Richardson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON †

Block

Catherine

Acts 3: 1-10

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Murray

Rev. Natasha

Lifting as We Climb

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir, Crystal Graves & Karen Jarboe, Violin

Laudate Jehovam | G.F. Telemann

O praise ye the Lord God, all ye nations! O praise him him, all ye people.

For his steadfast love is great to us and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Alleluia!

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...

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP

*Communion hymns can be found on pages 617, 614
in the United Methodist Hymnal.*

LITANY OF SENDING

...As I leave, I carry with, me all that I have learned here.

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,
and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere
We express our gratitude for your time among us.
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.**

**Your influence on our faith and faithfulness
will not leave with your departure.**

...Let us pray.

**Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from
everlasting to everlasting,
we give you thanks for cherished memories
and commend one another into your care as we move in
new directions.
Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 672 †

God Be with You till We Meet Again / United Methodist Hymnal

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 †

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

James

Stanley

Postlude on God Be with You | James Stanley

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, June 1, 2025

9:00 am	First Word (Cokesbury)
10:00 am	Natasha's Celebration
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm	First Arts Sundays
5:30 pm	Canvas Community Worship

Monday, June 2, 2025

All Day	We Love Downtown LR Camp
9:00 am	Flower Girls
1:00 pm	Community Café
1:00 pm	Lil' Rock 'n Roll Wash Grand Opening
6:30 pm	Beginner Taiko

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

All Day	We Love Downtown LR Camp
7:00 am	Tues Morning Bible Study
9:00 am	Staff Meeting
10:30 am	Worship Planning
1:00 pm	Community Café
6:00 pm	Meditation Group
6:30 pm	Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

All Day	We Love Downtown LR Camp
11:00 am	Canvas Meal Prep
1:00 pm	Community Café
5:45 pm	Center St Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 5, 2025

All Day	We Love Downtown LR Camp
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Friday, June 6, 2025

All Day	We Love Downtown LR Camp
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ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy:

Rev. David C. Freeman

Rev. Natasha Murray

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Music & Worship Arts: Chancel Choir, Crystal Graves, Karen Jarboe, Shannon Webb, James Stanley

Liturgist: Catherine Block

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone,
Gilbert Ponder

Altar Guild: Laura Elrod, Gwen Bartlett

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in honor of our Children,
George and John Elrod. Given by Laura and David Elrod

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Kaye Hoover, Jim Gormone, Hilda Thomas, Josh O'Neill, Holly
Trantham, Sarah Mosley, Larry Woodard, Pat Blackstone, Betty
Wallace, David Anderson, Bill Burton

Sympathy:

Sympathy to Gary Darwin and family following the death of his wife
Beverly on May 19th.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Lelia "Lee" Cress, who passed
away May 20th.