



**September 28th, 2025 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Sixteenth
Sunday after Pentecost**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Pavane and Galliard | James Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**They will say of the Lord, “God is my refuge
and fortress, the one in whom we trust.”**

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the refuge of God’s wings.

**They will not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day.**

“Those who love me, I will deliver,” says the Lord.

O Lord, we call to you now.

Show us your salvation.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 545 †

The Church's One Foundation | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

God our Redeemer, you promise deliverance to those who love you. Draw unto us as we draw unto you in worship. Open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, and our spirits to encounter the revelation you have for us this day. Transform us with the truth of your love and grace, in the name of the one who loved us and gave his life for us. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

Rev. Haley Jones

Wells

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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.

CHILDRENS TIME

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Brother Poor Man Lazrus | Jester Hairston

GOSPEL LESSON †

Jessica Szenher

Luke 16: 19-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Heather Rose

Unredeemable

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

With a Voice of Singing | Martin Shaw

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 CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

As a community and individuals, responding to God's grace, we seek to be good neighbors to make Little Rock a place where all God's children THRIVE. Through our spiritual journey and life in the community, we will work for the core values we believe all children of God need; Trust, Health, Relationships, Imagination, Value, and Education.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 368 †

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | 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 †

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Aurelia" | James Stanley

James Stanley

New Men's Group!

A new men's group is in the works! An informational meeting is set for Noon on November 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. The group will be an opportunity to connect and serve. For more information, contact Jim Shenep, Shawn McMurray or email Rev. Heather (hrose@fumclr.org) for more information.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy:

Rev. Heather Rose

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

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

Liturgist: Jessica Szhener

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone, Lesley Andrews

Altar Guild: Debbie Boyd

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in loving memory of Polly Walker Norvell, Mother of Donna Smith and Grandmother of Sam Smith and Mary Katherine Henderson, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, October 1, 1925.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Kaye Hoover, Hilda Thomas, Pat Blackstone, David Anderson, Bill Burton, Jace McRorey, Donna Bair, Nancy Wood

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, September 28, 2025

9:00 am First Word Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Pastors Book Club
1:00 pm Intermediate Drumming
2:30 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
5:00 pm Youth Group
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, September 29, 2025

9:00 am Flower Girls
12:00 pm Faulkner Circle
1:00 pm Community Café
6:00 pm Beginner Taiko

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Planning
1:00 pm Community Café
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

11:00 am Canvas Meal Prep
1:00 pm Community Café
5:00 pm Wed. Nights On Center
5:45 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2, 2025

4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy

Friday, October 3, 2025

5:00 pm Parent's Night Out

