



**October 5th, 2025 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Seventeenth
Sunday after Pentecost**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

James Stanley

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands | James Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Quincy Garner

Imagine a big, grassy hill...

We're sitting there!

Imagine a giant crowd...

We're part of it!

Stomachs growling, tummies rumbling...

We're hungry!

A boy shares his lunch—five loaves and two fish.

That's not enough!

But in Jesus' hands—wow!—everyone eats until they're full.

And there are baskets left over!

God's love is like that—always more than enough.

Let's join the feast of worship, joy, and wonder!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN †

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole, wide world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands

2. He's got the wind and the rain...

3. He's got everybody here...

4. He's got the whole world...

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HOLY HIGH FIVES †

GROWN UP TIME

Catherine Block

PRAYER

Abby Sanford

Generous God,

We remember the crowd on the hillside,
hungry and waiting. *(hands on stomach)*

We remember the boy with five loaves and two fish,
a simple gift of sharing. *(hold up both hands)*

We remember Jesus blessing the food,
and multiplying it for all. *(hands open wide)*

What seemed small became more than enough. *(stretch arms out)*
What looked ordinary became extraordinary. *(look upward with a smile)*

God, you take what we offer,
and you make it overflow with love. *(hands crossed over chest)*

Teach us to trust your abundance. *(hands folded together)*
Teach us to share with joy. *(hands out, palms open)*
Fill us with gratitude and wonder. *(hands lifted high)*

In the name of Jesus, who gives us life,
Amen. *(say with strength)*

ANTHEM 191

Jesus Loves Me | United Methodist Hymnal

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

GOSPEL LESSON †

John 6: 1-13

Trey Cochran

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir and Kids

Child of God | Mark Miller

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!

INVITATION FOR COMMUNION †

Come everyone who wants to:

Come if you can recite the creeds,

Come if you can't remember the words to Jesus loves me;

Come if you've been in the church since birth,

Come if you've lost your way a few times but found your way here today;

Come if you like to study theology,

Come if you like to finger paint;

Come if you like tradition and ritual and ceremony,

Come if you like balloons and laughter and jumping in puddles.

Come if you like all these things

and find the wonder of heaven in them all.

Come as you are:

old and young.

Just as you are:

one family,

right now,

each of you,

every one of you,

and have a seat right here.

THE GREAT 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 †

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

2. Shine it 'round the neighborhood

3. Hide it under a bushel? No!

4. Won't let Satan blow it out

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 †

Felix Stanley

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

James Stanley

Carillon on "This Little Light of Mine" | James Stanley

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy:

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

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

Liturgist: Trey Cochran

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone, Lesley Andrews

Altar Guild: Linda Baker, Kelly Jackson

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in loving memory of Marianne Ligon. Given by Stark Ligon and the family. October 6th, 2022.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, October 5, 2025

9:00 am	First Word Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm	First Arts Sundays
12:00 pm	Serve Meeting
2:30 pm	Mike Charles Basketball Academy
5:30 pm	Canvas Community Worship

Monday, October 6, 2025

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

7:00 am	Tues Morning Bible Study
9:00 am	Staff Meeting
10:30 am	Worship Planning
1:00 pm	Community Café
4:00 pm	Mike Charles Basketball Academy
6:30 pm	Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

1:00 pm	Community Café
5:00 pm	Board Of Trustees
5:00 pm	Wed. Nights On Center
5:45 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9, 2025

10:00 am	PALS Small Group
12:00 pm	Caregiver's Group
4:00 pm	Mike Charles Basketball Academy

Saturday, October 11, 2025

2:00 pm	Providence Park Land Tour
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