



**May 3, 2026 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM**  
**Fifth Sunday Of Easter**

GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

*Basse de Trompette* | Adam Guilain

James Stanley

**CALL TO WORSHIP †**

We were meant for love.

**God, help us to receive it.**

We need more than ourselves.

**We get free together.**

You are worthy of embrace.

**God, lead me to belonging.**

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 617 †**

*I Come With Joy* | United Methodist Hymnal

## **FUMCLR WELCOME STATEMENT †**

**You are a child of God created in the Divine Image. You are welcomed, affirmed, and included at First Church, not despite, but because of your age, ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity. This is how the Holy Spirit works: when you are welcomed, all are welcomed. When all are welcomed and embraced as the Body of Christ, the world is transformed into a place where all of God's Children can THRIVE, finding the Trust, Health, Relationship, Imagination, Value, and Education they need.**

**We are all children of God. Thanks be to God!**

## **GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We confess that at times we have been content to exclude or neglect those our communities cannot use. We have been so wrapped up in status and symbol that we have constructed walls not out of wisdom or self-understanding but out of feigned superiority and elitism. We have not loved well. We have prioritized the powerful and popular. We have neglected the friends who give more than they ever receive. We have forgotten the quiet. We have forgotten ourselves. Have mercy on us, that we might become faithful harbors for belonging in a dislocated world. And as we gaze on the faces of the lonely, of the abandoned, forgive us. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE †**

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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE UMH 140 VS 3 †**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.**

**Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**

**All I have needed thy hand hath provided;**

**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

### **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**

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

### **HYMN OF CENTERING 395**

*Take Time to be Holy* | United Methodist Hymnal

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Sarah James

Acts 2: 42-47

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. David C. Freeman

Resurrection Revolution Part 3  
Raising a Just Community

## **OFFERTORY †**

Chancel Choir

*Our Father* | Craig Courtney

## **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**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION †**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING †**

Rev. Heather Rose

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**

*...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.**

*...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**

...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 545, 559  
in the United Methodist Hymnal.*

**PRAYER FOR HOLY DISRUPTION †**

**God of the new and unexpected, Grant us the grace to welcome the "Holy Disruptions" you send our way. Break into our predictable lives with the untamed, unsettling wonder of your Spirit. Shake the foundations of our tidy faith with the fierce urgency of your love, dismantling the systems we have built to keep us safe from your risky, transforming call. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus- our comforter and disrupter. Amen.**

### **HYMN OF COMMITMENT 560 †**

*Help Us Accept Each Other* | 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 †**

**Go on your way with joy, my friends,  
Go on your way with joy, my friends,  
Go on your way with joy, my friends,  
Let your left foot say "Glory" and your right say "Amen."**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Grand Jeu* | Jean Adam Guilain

James Stanley

### **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE**

**Clergy:**

Rev. David C. Freeman

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Rev. Heather Rose

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

**Liturgist:** Sarah James

**Audio/Visual:** Mike Cole, Lesley Andrews

**Altar Guild:** Linda Baker, Virginia Yeatman

**Altar Flowers:** To the Glory of God and in memory of Zac Sanford.  
Given by Jane Harkey.

**IN OUR PRAYERS****Requesting Prayer:**

Hilda Thomas, Donna Bair, Amelia Botteicher, Sandy Watson, Pat Matthews, Kay Bell, Hatley Rodgers, Carol Roddy, Rebecca Rimmel, Jean Rolfs

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

### **Sunday, May 3, 2026**

9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)  
12:00 pm First Art's  
1:30 pm Beginner Drumming  
2:30 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy  
3:00 pm Intermediate Drumming  
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

### **Monday, May 4, 2026**

9:00 am Flower Girls  
9:00 am Food Bank Backpack Pickup  
9:00 am Lil' Rock 'n Roll Wash Van - CALS  
1:00 pm Community Café  
5:00 pm Leadership Council Meeting

### **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

7:00 am Tues. Morning Bible Study  
9:30 am Staff Meeting  
10:30 pm Worship Planning  
12:00 pm Staff Potluck  
1:00 pm Community Café  
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy  
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

### **Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

11:00 am Canvas Meal Prep  
1:00 pm Community Café  
5:45 pm Handbells  
7:00 pm Choir

### **Thursday, May 7, 2026**

4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy

### **Friday, May 8, 2026**

All Day Office Closed