



June 21st, 2026 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Melodie / David Lasky

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. Heather

Rose

Christ calls us this day and every day to a journey of discipleship that will radically transform our lives.

We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say “yes.”

Christ calls us to a journey of “follow-ship” that will challenge us as it challenged Jesus to live the truth of his identity. It is not easy to let Christ’s love be shown in the face of adversity or hostility and yet,

We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say “yes.”

Christ calls us to a journey of discipleship that may bring us into direct conflict with those we know and love, even the members of our own family but still,

We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say “yes.”

Christ calls us to a journey of “follow-ship” that offers life without fear, a life that transcends our earthly existence, eternally bound in the love and shelter of our Creator, and

We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say “yes.”

Christ calls us to a journey of discipleship that will call us OUT of the shadows and compel us to share the message of God’s Kin-dom for all, proclaiming what we have learned at our teacher’s feet and in the company of like-minded students, and

We hear your summons as you call us by name, and our desire is to say “yes.”

Christ calls us this day and every day to a journey that will radically transform us and the world. Christ blesses us so that we do not have to travel alone, but with all others who hear their name and say “yes.”

Let us continue the journey as we worship the One who calls us in spirit and in truth!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN † The Summons

INVITATION
2130

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? — Will you go where you don’t know and nev - er
 your name? — Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 your name? — Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er
 your name? — Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er
 my name. — Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er

be the same? — Will you let my love be shown, —
 be the same? — Will you risk the hos - tile stare —
 be the same? — Will you kiss the lep - er clean, —
 be the same? — Will you use the faith you’ve found —
 be the same. — In your com - pa - ny I’ll go —

— will you let my name be known, — will you let my
 — should your life at - tract or scare? — Will you let me
 — and do such as this un - seen, — and ad - mit to
 — to re - shape the world a - round, — through my sight and
 — where your love and foot - steps show. — Thus I’ll move and

life be grown in you and you in me? —
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me? —
 what I mean in you and you in me? —
 touch and sound in you and you in me? —
 live and grow in you and you in me. —

OPENING PRAYER †

Holy Beloved One, you who loves us as much as the tiny sparrows and every member of your grand and diverse creation,

We thank you for how you have made us to be who we are – beautiful to our very core. We come from you. You have gifted us with life and gifted our lives to be a blessing to the world.

We come before you today in mindfulness of your great call to be your disciples in this world at this time. We thank you for “calling us by name” in spite of our fears – in spite of our doubts – in spite of circumstances that seem to be or are actually aligned in opposition to our very being and your claim on our lives.

As we claim our identity as followers and disciples of Jesus, embolden us beyond our own fears, so that we might “shout from the rooftops” the love with which you have embraced us. Give us courage to live fully into all that you are summoning us to do – to go where you send us, knowing we are still with you and you are still with us.

May our prayers – spoken and unspoken – be granted according to your will and power and in the name of the One who “so loved the world” that he gave himself to and for it. In the name of Jesus, our Sibling and Teacher, we pray, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David C. Freeman

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

Sean Dunbar

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me | arr. Doris Nelson

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION 377 †

It is Well with my Soul | United Methodist Hymnal

GOSPEL LESSON †

Matthew 10: 24-39

Marian Berry

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Living in The Light

Rev. David C. Freeman



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OFFERTORY

Sonata I. Allegro | G.F. Handel

Brendan McInerney, saxophone

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 338 †

Where He Leads Me | 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.

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 Trees of the Field

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hill will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, -- and all the trees of the fields will clap,
Will clap their hands.***

***And all the trees of the Field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.***

POSTLUDE

James Stanley

Easter Alleluias / David Lasky

Clergy:

Rev. David C. Freeman

Rev. Heather Rose

Sean Dunbar

Music & Worship Arts: Chancel Choir, Brendan McInerney, James Stanley

Liturgist: Marian Berry

Audio/Visual: Gilbert Ponder, Lesley Andrews

Altar Guild: Karen Nelson, Suzanne Mackey

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and Memory of Rev. Maurice & Atha Webb, Kelsy Caplinger & John Coulter. Given by their families.

Requesting Prayer:

Hilda Thomas, Sandy Watson, Pat Matthews, Kay Bell, Hatley

Rodgers, Rebecca Remmel, Coralie Hawkins, Jesse Hurst, Mary

Ellen Vandegrift, Patrick Woodruff, Cheryl Sullivan, Catherine Block

Sunday, June 21, 2026

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

Monday, June 22, 2026

All Day Office Closed

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

7:00 am Tues. Morning Bible Study
10:30 pm Worship Planning
12:00 pm Living Legends Luncheon
1:00 pm Community Café
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
5:00 pm Leadership Council Meeting
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

1:00 pm Community Café
5:45 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, June 25, 2026

9:00 am Lil' Rock 'n Roll Wash Van
To Argenta Library
10:00 am PALS Small Group
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
5:00 pm Literacy Action Student -Tutor Potluck

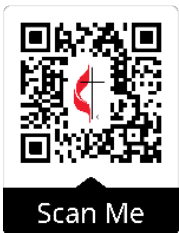
A promotional poster for "Living Legends Luncheons". The title "LIVING LEGENDS" is in large, bold, distressed black letters, with "Luncheons" written in a black cursive script below it. To the right is a circular portrait of an elderly woman with short white hair and glasses, smiling. The background of the poster is a light grey wall with a colorful stained glass window on the right side. Text on the poster includes: "Every life tells the story of God. Come hear the life stories of your friends and the 'living legends' of our church." Below this, the date "JUNE 23, 2026" is prominently displayed, followed by "NOON IN FELLOWSHIP HALL", "BOXED LUNCHES AVAILABLE \$15", and "CALL 501-372-2256 TO RESERVE LUNCH". A black oval at the bottom right of the portrait contains the text "Featuring: MARTHA FAULKNER".

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First Time Guest?

We're glad you are here! As a thank you, we'd like to make a gift of \$5 in your honor to one of our community partners. Scan the QR code above to choose which organization to receive the donation. Thank you for being our guest today.

Backpacks for Kids Needs Help!

Our Backpacks for Kids program needs some financial assistance to end the school year. Help us close out the 2025-2026 school year with one more round of weekend food bags for Carver-Washington students. Each bag contains 7 items to help students cover food needs over the weekend. Send your donation to the Church and mark it "Backpacks for Kids".

Need help with minor home repairs or yard work?

FUMCLR's Handy Helpers may be able to help!

Do you need assistance to change light bulbs or unclog toilets or make other minor repairs in or around your home? FUMCLR's Men of Faith and Action have organized a new group we call "Handy Helpers" which may be able to assist you. If you require assistance with minor repairs or projects, you can **email Rev. Heather Rose at hrose@fumclr.org**. She will then contact one of the cadre of men who have volunteered to see if one or more of them can come to your home and assist you.