

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - LITTLE ROCK

An examination of faith and
the power of questioning.

QUESTION IT!



September 20th, 2026 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Seventeenth
Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Prelude in G / John A. Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP † adapted from *Black Liturgies* by Cole Arthur Riley

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

I am free to not know

I can rest in mystery

I may not know what I believe,

But I know it will sound like dignity.

My questions are sacred

God, stay close as I wander.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 142 †

If Thou But Suffer to Guide Thee | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

God of questions and answers, of mystery and clarity, we grasp onto your presence today. In this time and space, we celebrate what we cannot know. Here and now, we express our gratitude that you abide with us in our laughter and tears. Saturate our souls with strength. Open our spirits to understand you more deeply. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

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

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

**I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sean Dunbar

ANTHEM

We Are Held | | Susan Labarr & Jim Wilson

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PREPERATION 144 †

This Is My Father's World | | United Methodist Hymnal

GOSPEL LESSON †

Jess

Howard

Luke 10: 25-29

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind.

The answer is blowin' in the wind.

SERMON

Questions to Clarify
Part 2 of the Question it! Series

Rev. Heather Rose

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OFFERTORY

FUMCLR Quartet

For the Fruits of This Creation | Francis Jackson

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 †

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

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 419 †

I Am Thine, O Lord | United Methodist Hymnal

During the singing of the hymn, individuals desiring to join the church are asked to come to the chancel so the pastors may offer membership vows and welcome you to the congregation.

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

Fugue in G | John A. Behnke

James Stanley

Communion will be offered after the conclusion of the service. Anyone wanting to receive, is welcome to re-gather in the first few rows while the pastor blesses the communion elements.

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LIVING LEGENDS

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ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. Heather Rose

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Sean Dunbar

Organist: James Stanley

Shannon Webb

Chancel Choir

FUMCLR Quartet

Liturgist: Jess Howard

Audio/Visual: Chris Cone, Gilbert Ponder

Altar Guild: Pamela Owen, Delia Prather

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory of Judge William R. Overton & Warren Webster Overton. Given by Susan Overton Sutton.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Sandy Watson, Pat Matthews, Kay Bell, Rebecca Remmel, Coralie Hawkins, Jesse Hurst, Cheryl Sullivan, Lee Johnson, Mary Lou Rasco.

Sympathy:

Sympathy to the family of Martha Sowell, who passed away on September 13.

Prayers for Glen and Caryn Taulbee following the death of their grandson, Will on September 6.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, September 20, 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 Sundays
1:30 pm Beginner Drumming
2:30 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
3:00 pm Intermediate Drumming
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, September 21, 2026

9:00 am Flower Girls
1:00 pm Community Café
6:00 pm Faith & Film Night

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

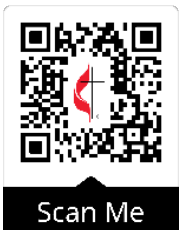
7:00 am Tues. Morning Study Group
9:00 am Lil' Rock 'n Roll Was Van
CALS
9:00 am Staff Meeting
10:30 pm Worship Planning
12:00 pm Living Legends Luncheon
1:00 pm Community Café
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
4:15 pm FANN
6:00 pm Enneagram Book Study
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

10:30 am Martha Sowell Memorial
1:00 pm Community Café
5:00 pm Wednesday Nights on Center
5:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24, 2026

9:00 am Lil' Rock 'n Roll Was Van
Argenta Library
10:00 am PALS Small Group
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy



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.

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.