

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - LITTLE ROCK

An examination of faith and
the power of questioning.

QUESTION IT!



**October 4th, 2026 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Nineteenth Sunday
After Pentecost**

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Prelude in A Minor | John A. Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. Heather Rose

Children of God, do you love the God
who hovered over the face of the deep and called the worlds into
being? **Yes, you know that we do.**

Then feed God's children.

Children of God, do you love the God
who was revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the
Christ? **Yes, you know that we do.**

Then take care of God's children.

Children of God, do you love the God
who breathes new life into us even as we gather this day?

Yes, you know that we do.

Then feed God's children.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 126 †

PRAYER OF CONFESSION †

Rev. David C.

Freeman

Gracious God, you have chosen us for a purpose – that we might bear lasting fruit for your kingdom. You call us to walk humbly before you and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call.

When the church becomes the center of our world and we fail to see beyond its walls, **Forgive us.**

When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we fail to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned, **Forgive us.**

When we praise you with our lips yet fail to reach out to others with acts of loving and caring, justice, and mercy, **Forgive us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON †

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

May the peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

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.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Heather Rose

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

PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

HYMN OF CENTERING 347 †

Spirit Song | United Methodist Hymnal

GOSPEL LESSON †

Quincy Garner

John 21: 15-19

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 Invite
Part 4 of the Question it! Series

Rev. David C. Freeman

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

How Lovely Is Thy dwelling Place | Austin C Lovelace

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 TO COMMUNION †

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING †

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 610, 164
in the United Methodist Hymnal.*

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 572 †

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

James Stanley

Fugue in A Minor | John A. Behnke

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. David C. Freeman

Rev. Heather Rose

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Sean Dunbar

Organist: James Stanley

Shannon Webb

Chancel Choir

Liturgist: Quincy Garner

Audio/Visual: Chris Cone,
Gilbert Ponder

Altar Guild: Laura Elrod, Mary Thompson

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory and celebration of Brad Jordan, "Poppa". Given with Love by, Michele & Randy Love.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, October 4, 2026

9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm First Art's 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, October 5, 2026

9:00 am Flower Girls
10:00 am Brunch Bunch
12:00 pm 3 Pastors Walk Into a Bar: Offsite
1:00 pm Community Café

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

7:00 am Tues. Morning Study Group
9:00 am Lil' Rock 'n Roll Was Van
Williams Library
9:00 am Staff Meeting
10:30 pm Worship Planning
1:00 pm Community Café
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

11:00 am Canvas Meal Prep
1:00 pm Community Café
5:00 pm Wednesday Nights on Center
5:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8, 2026

9:00 am Lil' Rock 'n Roll Was Van
Argenta Library
10:00 am PALS Smal Group
12:00 pm Caregiver's Group
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
5:45 pm First Thursday Evening Prayer
7:00 pm SARLO Group Meeting



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.