

November 22, 2026 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Thanksgiving Sunday

PRELUDE James Stanley
Präludium | Carl August Kern

CALL TO WORSHIP † Rev. Haley Jones Wells
Who is the ruler of all the earth?
Not emperors, not presidents, not parties, but God alone.
Where is this ruler to be found?
Among the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner.
Christ is raised far above every rule and authority and every name that is named.
Every throne on earth is temporary. Christ's reign has no end.
Come, let us worship the one whose throne is a cross and whose crown is made of thorns.
We give our allegiance to the reign of justice, mercy, and peace.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 vs 1-3 †
Jesus Shall Reign | United Methodist Hymnal

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST † Tim Bartlett
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 vs 4-5 †
Jesus Shall Reign | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †
God of the lost and lonely, God of the secure and confident, gather us into your fold that we may be healed and transformed. Guide us in your world that we may be part of ministries of healing and hope, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Chancel Choir
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Heather Sorenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION 131 †
We Gather Together | United Methodist Hymnal

GOSPEL LESSON † Georgia Bell
Matthew 25: 31-46

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Heather Rose
The Case for Grace

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH † Drawn from the Barmen Declaration
We believe in Jesus Christ, the one Word of God
Whom we are to hear, to trust, and to obey, in life and in death.
We believe that Christ claims the whole of our lives.
There is no part of our lives that belongs to other lords.
We believe that God has given the state the task of providing for justice and peace.
We reject any state that claims to be the single and total order of human life.
We believe the church belongs to Christ alone.
We will not shape our message to fit the ruling powers of the day.
This is our faith.
Jesus Christ is Lord.

GLORIA PATRI 70 †

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERTORY Alex Wells

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go | arr. James J. Stanley

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 102 †

Now Thank We All Our God | 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 †

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE James Stanley

Nachspiel | Carl August Kern



This month, we are collecting for the Gertrude Remmel Butler Child Development Center! They have requested the following items: pencils, colored pencils, cap erasers, skinny markers, expo markers, bottle glue, Play-Doh, paintbrushes, construction paper, crayons, washable markers, pom pom/cotton balls, paper plates, washable paint, pipe cleaners, glue sticks, plastic bottles, shaving cream, rice, beans, stickers, food coloring, tissue paper, empty tissue/paper towel rolls. Drop your donations in the donation bins around the church!

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. Heather Rose
Rev. Haley Jones Wells
Sean Dunbar
Organist: James Stanley
Shannon Webb
Alex Wells
Chancel Choir
Liturgist: Georgia Bell
Audio/Visual: Chris Cone,
Gilbert Ponder
Altar Guild: Pamela Owen, Suzanne Mackey
Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, James Neill and Barbara Smith, and Thomas and Frances Fletcher, given by David and Susie Smith.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Sandy Watson, Pat Matthews, Rebecca Remmel, Lee Johnson, Mary Lou Rasco.

Sunday, November 22, 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	Beginner Drumming
2:30 pm	Mike Charles Basketball Academy
3:00 pm	Intermediate Drumming
5:30 pm	Canvas Community Worship

Monday, November 23, 2026

9:00 am	Flower Girls
12:00 pm	Martha Faulkner's Circle
1:00 pm	Community Café
3:30 pm	Carver-Washington Basketball

Tuesday, November 24, 2026

7:00 am	Tues. Morning Study Group
9:00 am	Staff Meeting
10:30 pm	Worship Planning
1:00 pm	Community Café
4:00 pm	Mike Charles Basketball Academy
4:15 pm	FANN
6:30 pm	Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

All Day	Office Closed

Thursday, November 26, 2026

All Day	Office Closed

Friday, November 27, 2026

All Day	Office Closed



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.