

First United Methodist Church

May 7, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome, Visitors and Friends (Please sign the registration sheet)

** please stand if able*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp & Circumstance"
Sandy Knoernschild, organ

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

PRESENTATION OF JIM DUE SCHOLARSHIP

*HYMN

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

UMH 172

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"It is Well With My Soul" – Craig Courtney
The Sanctuary Choir

SERMON

A Living Hope – "Like Living Stones"
1 Peter 2:2-10
Rev. Keith Dodson

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An Easter Affirmation of Faith

We believe as Easter people, in a God of unconditional love, power and Grace, in a God of unending mercy and forgiveness, and in a God that is present and active in our daily lives

We believe as Easter people, in Jesus Christ as the Son of man, in Jesus Christ, as a gift of the Father's abiding grace, and in Jesus Christ as a living promise of deliverance from sin and death

We believe as Easter people, in the Holy Spirit that lives and resides in every person, in the Holy Spirit which actively invites us into a right relationship with Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit as a real and active redemptive participant in our lives

We believe as Easter people, in the hope of justice in the palm branches, in the compassionate love of family in the shared last supper, and in the sacrificial offering of a blood soaked wooden cross

We believe as Easter people, that we are known by faith that death is not something to fear, that we are known by faith that God loves, that we are saved by grace through our faith in Jesus Christ.

**Christ is alive!
Christ is alive, indeed!**

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY

"Jesus Loves Me" based on Debussy's "Clair de Lune" – arr. F. Bock
Sandy Knoernschild, piano



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*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 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!***

THE GOING FORTH

"Be Still My Soul"

UMH 534

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Vision Statement

We are:

Rooted in Christ;

Branching out to friends, known and unknown;

Bearing fruit for the kingdom of God.

Rev. Keith Dodson – Senior Pastor

Rev. Walt Garrett – Associate Pastor

Rev. Garry Teeter – Associate Pastor

Jim DeLamar – Contributions and Facilities Manager

Sissy LaSage – Director of Finance

Tanya Vinyard – Director of Child Development Center

Donna Hogue – Director of Encore Ministries

Paula Nichols – Director of Membership Dev.

Michelle Anderson – Director of Youth Ministries

Josh Johnson – Director of Sacred Music

Sandy Knoernschild – Organist

Mike Stramiello – Contemporary Worship Leader

Jessica Mungle – Co-Director of Children’s Ministries

Katelyn Berry – Co-Director of Children’s Ministries

Melissa Berry – Teacher, Jolly Time/Dir. Kid’s Day Out

Liz Selby – Teacher, Jolly Time Preschool

Lisa Plischke – Nursery Supervisor

Shelby Ridgway – Director of Communications



The Arkansas Conference

Rev. Laura Merrill, Bishop

Rev. Dr. Ulysses “U.C.” Washington, District Superintendent

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Ways to Give

1. Place in the **offering plate**
2. **Scan the QR code** and give online
3. **Drop off** at the church office
4. **Text FUMCBenton** to 1-888-364-GIVE
Instructions will follow (4483)

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200 N. Market

Benton, AR

A Living
Hope

5th Sunday of Easter

Senior Sunday

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