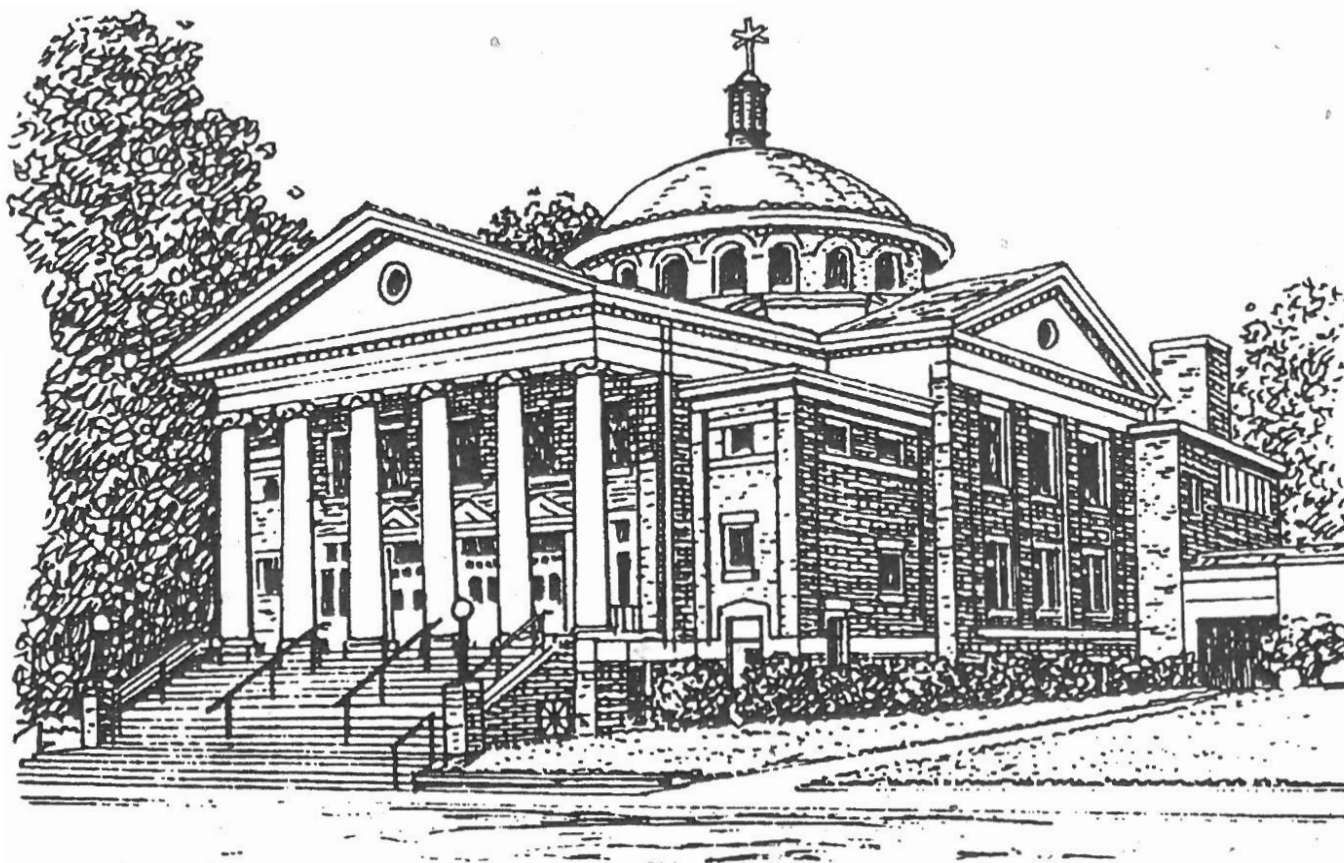




*First United
Methodist Church*

Conway, AR



The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 27, 2025
11:00 a.m.

1610 Prince Street, Conway, Arkansas, (501) 329-3801, conwayfumc.org

Welcome to First United Methodist Church. Please accept this invitation to participate fully in worship and give glory to God.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WELCOME

Prelude Elegiac Prelude on *Jerusalem* Charles Callahan
(1951-2023)

Introit Turn your eyes upon Jesus *Lemmel*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace

— Helen Lemmel, 1922

The Call to Worship

Officiant We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands

People **We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.**

Officiant Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

People **We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.**

Officiant This is the day that the Lord has made.

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.**

Hymn 407 Close to thee *Close to thee*
Sung by all, standing.

All sit.

The Confession and Pardon

All

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Officiant

Hear the Good News! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:26-2:3

Reader The word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65 UMC Hymnal 789

The Psalm is read responsively as indicated.

Hymn 530 “Are ye able,” said the Master *Beacon Hill*
Sung by all, standing.

The Gospel Lesson Mark 2:23-28

Pastor The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon The Sandlot

The Affirmation of Faith, UMC Hymnal 889

Concerns and Prayers

Officiant Lord, in your mercy.
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

All

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 for ever. Amen.

The Offering

Music at the Offertory

Come thou Fount of every blessing

Joel Raney
(b. 1956)

You may give in these ways:

Text “Give” to 501-500-5335

***or** place cash or a check in the offering plate*

***or** scan the QR code.*



As the offering is presented the following hymn is sung by all:

Hymn 70

Meineke

**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.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE SENDING FORTH

Hymn 419

I am thine, O Lord

I am thine

Sung by all, standing.

The Dismissal with Blessing

Officiant **The peace of Christ be with you.**

People **And also with you.**

The Response

Simple Gifts

Shaker Melody

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in a place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn, will be our delight till by turning, turning, we come round right.

Postlude

Postlude on *Thornbury*

Charles Callahan

Memorials & Honor Gifts

*To the glory of God in memory of
Marette Stiritz
by Linda Tyler, Lorie March, Martha Bumpers*

*To the glory of God in memory of
Paul Taber
by Larry & Sarah Morse, Judy McKnight,
George & Sandra Baker, Sally Barlund, Martha Hunt,
Trish Stewart, Penny Taylor,
Men's Prayer Breakfast Group*

*To the glory of God in memory of
Allan Bruner
by Jeremy Bruner*

*To the glory of God in honor of
Rev. Nathan Kilbourne
by Pam Wren*

*To the glory of God in honor of
Rev. Miranda Hornsby
by Pam Wren*

The Officiant

Destiny Elms

The Preacher

Rev. Nathan Kilbourne

Handbells

The Lamar Grinder Bell Quartet

Organ

Jason Saugey



PLEASE RECYCLE!

You are encouraged to take your worship booklet and announcement sheet home with you, but if you do not, please discard them in one of the blue recycling bins located near the Sanctuary doors!

Close to Thee

407

1. Thou my ev - er - last - ing por - tion, more than
 2. Not for ease or world - ly plea - sure, nor for
 3. Lead me through the vale of shad - ows, bear me

friend or life to me, all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 fame my prayer shall be; glad - ly will I toil and suf - fer,
 o'er life's fit - ful sea; then the gate of life e - ter - nal

Refrain
 Sav - ior, let me walk with thee.
 on - ly let me walk with thee. Close to thee, close to thee,
 may I en - ter, Lord, with thee.

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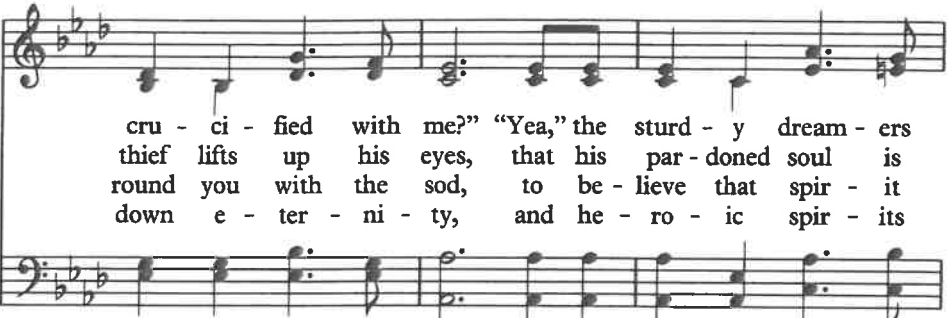
jour - ney, Sav - ior, let me walk with thee.
 suf - fer, on - ly let me walk with thee.
 ter - nal may I en - ter, Lord, with thee.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1874
 MUSIC: Silas J. Vail, 1874

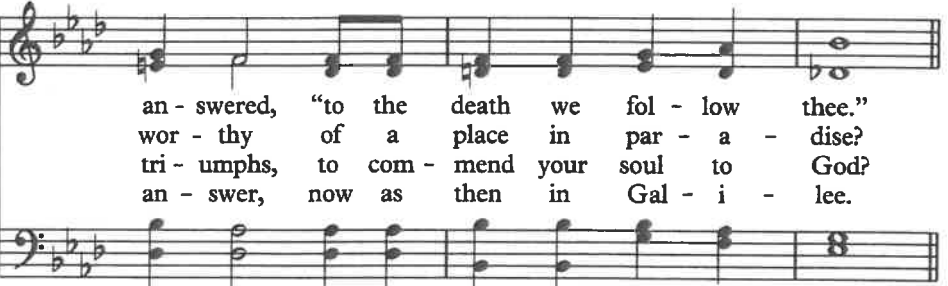
CLOSE TO THEE
 87.87 with Refrain



1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "to be
 2. Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, when a
 3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows close a -
 4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter whis - pers



cru - ci - fied with me?" "Yea," the sturd - y dream - ers
 thief lifts up his eyes, that his par - doned soul is
 round you with the sod, to be - lieve that spir - it
 down e - ter - ni - ty, and he - ro - ic spir - its



an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."
 wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?
 tri - umphs, to com - mend your soul to God?
 an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.

Refrain



Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.

WORDS: Earl Marlatt, 1926 (Mk. 10:35-40)
 MUSIC: Harry S. Mason, 1924

BEACON HILL
 Irr.

Re - mold them, make us, like thee, di - vine.

Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be

a bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

For Overcoming Adversity

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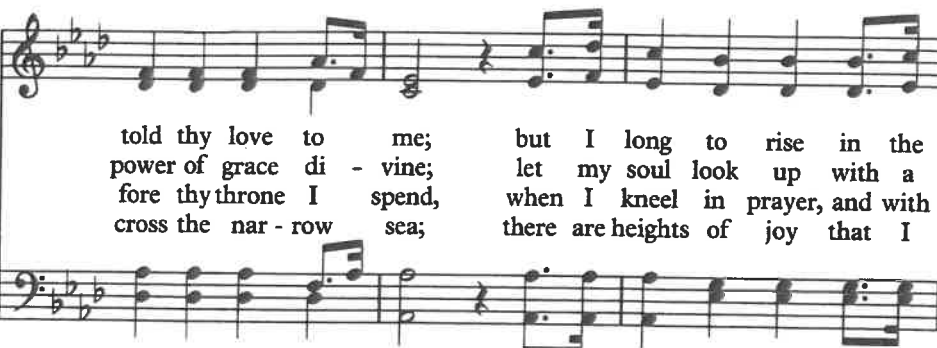
Lord, we pray not for tranquillity,
 nor that our tribulations may cease;
 we pray for thy spirit and thy love,
 that thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity;
 through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Girolamo Savonarola, Italy, 15th cent.

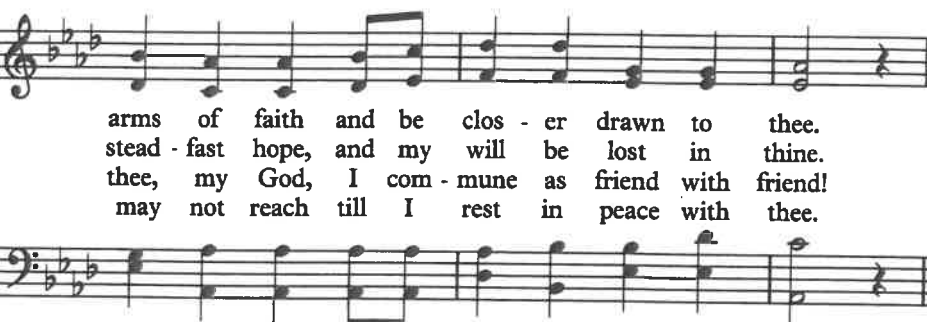
I Am Thine, O Lord



1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it
 2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, by the
 3. O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be -
 4. There are depths of love that I can - not know till I

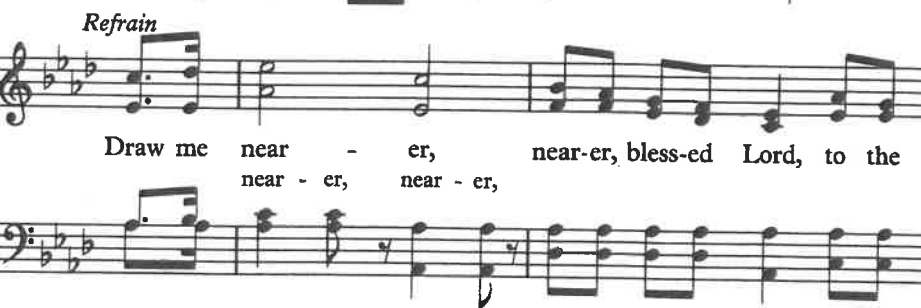


told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the
 power of grace di - vine; let my soul look up with a
 fore thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with
 cross the nar - row sea; there are heights of joy that I



arms of faith and be clos - er drawn to thee.
 stead - fast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
 thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!
 may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain



Draw me near - er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, to the
 near - er, near - er,

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875 (Heb. 10:22)
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1875

I AM THINE
 10 7.10 7 with Refrain

cross where thou hast died. Draw me near - er, near - er,
near - er, bless - ed Lord, to thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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