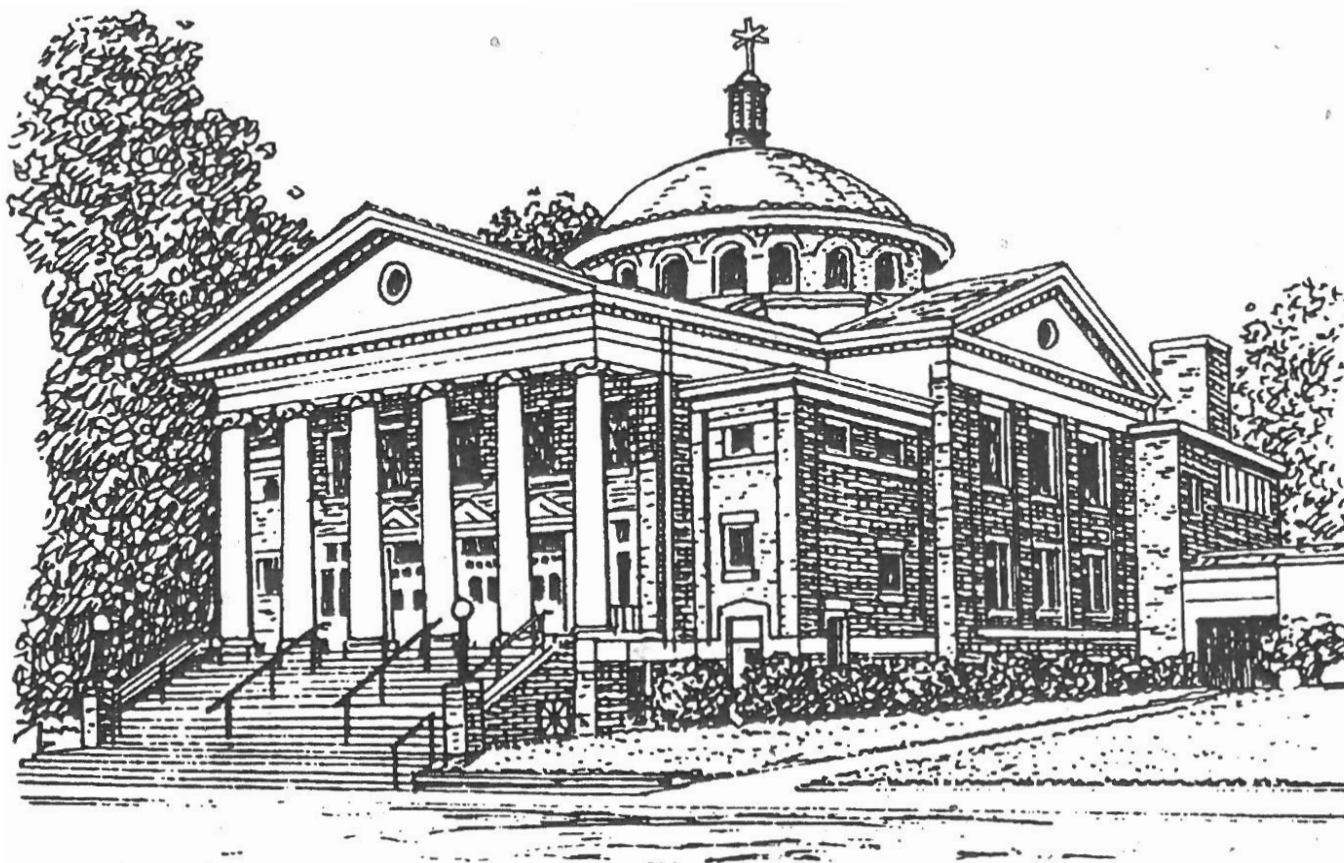




*First United
Methodist Church*

Conway, AR



The Second Sunday After Pentecost
June 22, 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

Andante Tranquillo, Sonata III Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
(1809-1847)

Introit How Can I Keep from Singing? Robert Lowry
(1826-1899)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The Call to Worship

Officiant Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People **For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Officiant Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

People **We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Officiant Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

People **Amen!**

Hymn 369 Blessed assurance *Assurance*
Sung by all, standing.

All sit.

The Confession and Pardon

All

Holy One, God Most High, grant us faith to confess our sins and seek your mercy. There are barren places in our lives where we have wandered far from you. We have listened to voices who distracted us from your call. We have submitted to powers competing for our loyalty to you. We have not taken the hand you offer to lead us out of godforsakenness, and into your holy ways. God our Savior, forgive us. Speak tenderly to us of your presence. Feed us with your word. Deliver us from evil. Let us enter into your kingdom; then send us out to serve you by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Officiant

Once we were dead to all the things that God hoped for us; but in God's love we are again brought to life. Rejoice, dear ones, you are forgiven!

People **Rejoice, you are forgiven!**

All **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Reader The word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 42, UMC Hymnal p. 777

The Psalm is read responsively as indicated.

Hymn 367

He touched me

He touched me

Sung by all, standing.

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Pastor The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *The Older Son*

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

The Anthem

O rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

O rest in the Lord. Wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him; and fret not thyself because of evildoers.

You may give in these ways:

Text "Give" to 501-500-5335

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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 384 Love divine, all loves excelling *Beecher*
Sung by all, standing.

The Dismissal with Blessing

Officiant The peace of Christ be with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Response

How Can I Keep From Singing? Robert Lowry

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso, Sonata II Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Memorials

*To the glory of God in memory of
Paul Taber*

*by Bill & Cecilia Patterson, Carol Schedler,
Rick & Becky Rasnick, Jamie Bird*

*To the glory of God in memory of
Armilda McCormack
by Jamie Bird*

The Officiant

Rev. Miranda Hornsby

The Preacher

Rev. Nathan Kilbourne

The Reader

Leigh Lassiter-Counts

The Soloist

Fatima Garduno, Mezzo-Soprano

Organ

Jason Saugey

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