

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter, *Senior Sunday*

April 26, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE WELCOME

**Prelude**                      Adoration                      Florence Price (1887–1953)

**Introit**    Turn your eyes upon Jesus    Helen Lemmel (1863–1961)

*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.*

### The Opening Prayer

**Precious Lord, creator of all good things, we give you thanks for your only son who overcame death. Grant within us a spirit of new life. Renew our faith and help us live as those who give ourselves for the sake of others. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\* **Hymn 398**                      Jesus calls us o'er the tumult                      *Galilee*

**A Children's Moment**    *with Pastor J.J.*

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**The Prayer for Illumination,** *said by all, seated*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**The Scripture Lesson**

*1 Timothy 4:4–15*

*Reader*      The word of God for the people of God.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23,** Hymnal p. 754, Antiphon 1

*The Psalm antiphon is sung first by the psalmist, then by all.*

**\* Hymn 530**      Are ye able, said the Master

*Beacon Hill*

**\* The Gospel Lesson**

*John 1:43–46*

*Pastor*      The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**      *Poured Out as a Libation*

**Recognizing our 2026 Graduating Seniors**

**\* The Affirmation of Faith,** Hymnal p. 881

**Concerns and Prayers,** *all seated*

**The Lord's Prayer,** text at Hymn 270

**The Offering**

## Anthem

Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty

Zebulon Highben, 2007\*

*“Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give. If you know what gift I offer, you would come to me and live.” Jesus, ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well. In the gracious gift you offer, there is joy no tongue can tell. “Come to me, all travelers weary; come that I may give you rest. Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest.” “Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place. Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face.” “Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame. Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name.” “Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer come, your open hands extend.” “Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam. Come and take the gift I offer; let me make in you my home.”*

– Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939)

\*Dr. Highben serves as Director of Music at Duke Chapel, Durham, North Carolina.

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*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 304**

*Regent Square*

**Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;  
heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

### **THE SENDING FORTH**

**\* Hymn 526**

What a friend we have in Jesus

*Converse*

## The Dismissal with Blessing

*Officiant* The peace of Christ be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Response

Stand up, stand up for Jesus

George Webb (1803–1887)

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own. Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer; where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song. To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be; they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.*

– George Duffield, Jr. (1818–1888)

## Postlude

Praise Him!

*Joyful Song*

*arr.* Charles Callahan (1951–2023)

## *Officiants & Preacher*

Rev. Miranda Hornsby; Nathan Fryar, pastoral intern;

Rev. Nathan Kilbourne

## *The Lay Ministers*

Addison Smittle, reader; Van Lamar, psalmist; Kathy Linder, flute;

Ethan Fincher and Cooper Lind, acolytes;

the Chancel Choir; Jason Saugey, organ

*To protect the beauty and historic nature of this worship space, the trustees request no food or drinks in the sanctuary. Thank you.*

## Jesus Calls Us

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1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2. As of old the a - pos - tles heard it by the  
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"  
 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more!"  
 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these!"  
 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 (Mt. 4:18-22)  
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1874

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753-B PSALTER

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.  
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord!  
May your hearts live for ever!  
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before the Lord.  
28 For dominion belongs to the Lord  
who rules over the nations.  
29 All who sleep in the earth  
shall bow down to the Lord.  
All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord,  
and I shall live for God.  
30 Posterity shall serve the Lord;  
each generation shall tell of the Lord,  
31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.  
Surely the Lord has done it. R

754-A PSALTER

Psalm 23

Ps. 23:1

RESPONSE 1 (*Lent, Christ the King & General*)

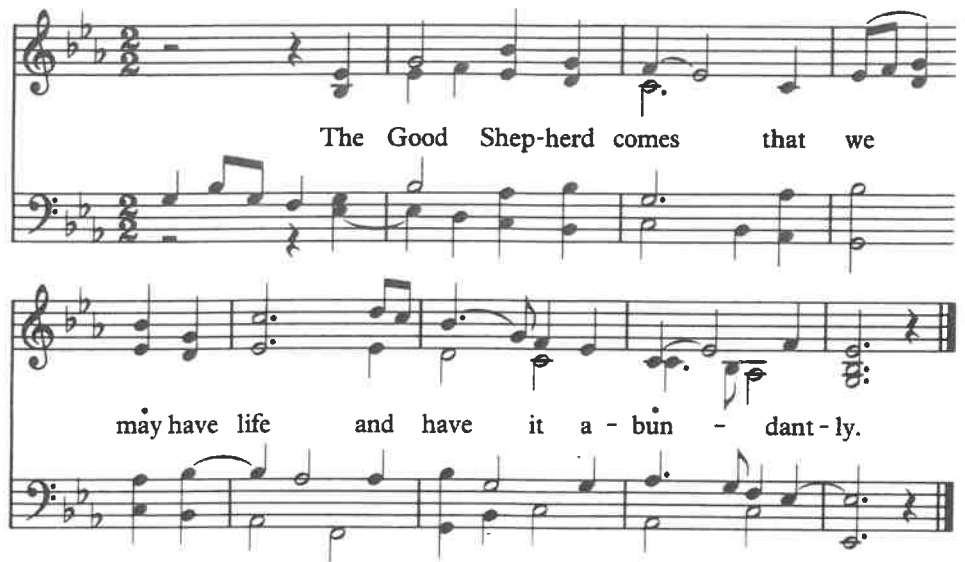
Joseph Gelineau

My shep-herd is the Lord, noth-ing in-deed shall I want.

For King James Version (1611) see No. 137

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## RESPONSE 2 (Easter &amp; Funerals and Memorial Services)

Jn. 10:10  
Richard Proulx


The Good Shep-herd comes that we  
may have life and have it a - bun - dant - ly.

Alternate response at Ps. 25, response 2.

**R**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**  
leads me beside still waters,
- 3 restores my life,  
**leads me in right paths**  
**for the sake of the Lord's name.**
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
**for you are with me;**  
**your rod and your staff,**  
**they comfort me. R**
- 5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
**you anoint my head with oil,**  
**my cup overflows.**
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord**  
**as long as I live. R**

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

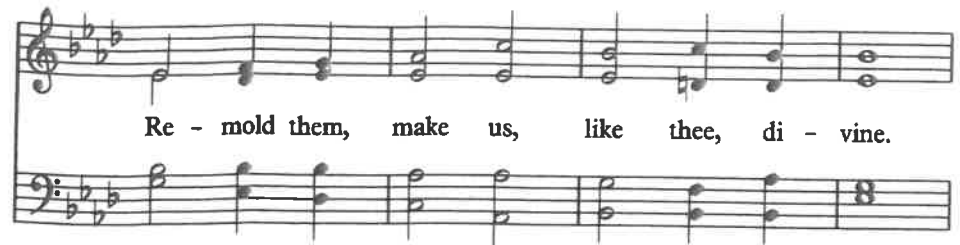
an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."  
 wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?  
 tri - umphs, to com - mend your soul to God?  
 an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.

*Refrain*

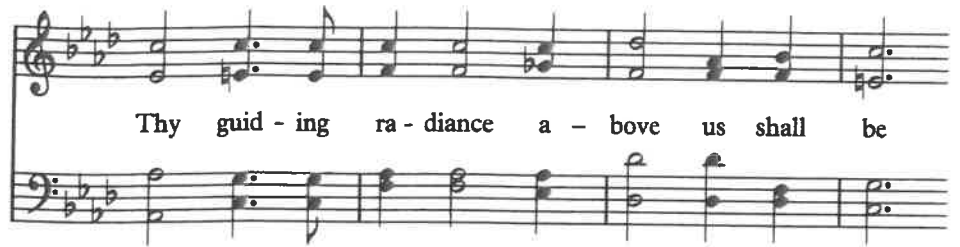
Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.

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

531

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.

# 526 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered

sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
 trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged;  
 with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge;

ev - ery - thing to God in prayer! O what peace we of - ten  
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear, all be -  
 faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
 sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his

cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.  
 knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855  
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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# SAVE THE DATE

## MidWeek Activities

6 p.m. Wednesday, April 29  
Final MidWeek for the semester.

## Pickleball Open Play

2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Great Hall  
Everyone is invited

## Concert Performance

3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Sanctuary  
Choirs of Conway FUMC and St. Peter's Episcopal  
Free and open to the public

## MidYouth Preview Day

For all 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
April 29, 2026

## United Women in Faith Sunday

May 3, 2026, during worship  
Guest speaker: Lana Olsen Gartner

## Agape Feast for all 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

May 3, 2026

## Outdoor Ministries Hike

2 p.m. Sunday, May 3,  
Woolly Hollow State Park

## Good News Celebration Band at Toad Suck Daze

3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, Downtown

## Men's Retreat

May 8 and 9, at Mount Eagle

## Arkansas Travelers Baseball Game

5:30 p.m. Wednesday,  
May 27, in North Little Rock

## Fifth Sunday Program

10 a.m. Sunday, May 31, Great Hall  
Featuring the Affirming Ministries Team

## Summer Music Camp for Grades 2-12

Monday, June 1, through Thursday, June 4

## Summer Movie Nights

June 3: K-Pop Demon Hunters  
June 10: Wicked for Good  
June 17: Inside Out 2  
June 24: Zootopia 2

Signups and  
Order Forms



## Vacation Bible Camp

July 13 through 15

## Affirming Ministries Shirt Now Available

Order your Affirming Ministries T-shirt today!  
The design features our Affirming Ministries logo.  
Pre-orders are open until April 30.  
Scan the QR code above or visit the LinkTree link  
under the Resources tab at [www.conwayfumc.org](http://www.conwayfumc.org)



# HAPPENINGS

April 26, 2026

## United Women in Faith Sunday



May 3, 2026  
All 3 worship  
services

Guest Speaker:  
Lana Gartner of  
Centerville UMC

The UWF Mission: To connect  
and nurture women through  
Christian spiritual formation,  
leadership development,  
creative fellowship, and  
education so they can inspire,  
influence and impact local and  
global communities.



# VOLUNTEER

SUMMER  
LUNCHES

## 2026 SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

FUMC & the Faulkner County Library are teaming  
up (with the help of Toad Suck Daze and  
Goode's Cash Saver) to serve over 4300 lunches  
to children and families in our community.  
Sign-up today to pack, deliver, or serve!



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## Take me out to the BALLGAME



Join Conway FUMC for an afternoon  
of fun and fellowship at the Arkansas  
Travelers baseball game at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 27. Tickets are \$20  
and include dinner and a game ticket.



The link to RSVP is on our Link Tree at [conwayfumc.org](http://conwayfumc.org)