

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WELCOME

Prelude Terra beata Charles Callahan (1951–2023)

Introit Christ, mighty Savior David Hurd (b. 1950)

Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation, you make the day time radiant with the sunlight and to the night give glittering adornment, stars in the heavens. Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting, mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection; while in the heavens choir of stars appearing hallow the nightfall.

The Call to Worship

Officiant Come, let us celebrate God's faithfulness.

People **God has led us out of the wilderness and given us a home.**

Officiant God has forgiven us though we have forsaken God.

People **God has welcomed us home when we have run away.**

All **Let us give thanks for God's faithfulness; Let us fill God's house with praise.**

*** Hymn 529** How firm a foundation *Foundation*

The Confession and Pardon, *said by all*

Take away, O Lord, from our hearts all suspiciousness, indignation, anger, and contention, and whatever is

calculated to wound charity and love of one another. Have mercy on us. Give grace to the needy. Make us so to live that we may be found worthy to enjoy the fruition of your grace, Amen.

All pray in silence.

Officiant

Hear the word of God out of the Psalms, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

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

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

Haggai 1:7–10, 2:2–9

Reader The word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12

*** Hymn 144**

This is my Father's world

Terra beata

The Gospel Lesson

John 14:27–31

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

The Sermon *Rebuilding Peace*

*** The Affirmation of Faith**, Hymnal p. 884

Concerns and Prayers, *all seated*

The Lord's Prayer, text at Hymn 270

The Offering

Anthem

Precious Lord, take my hand

arr. Roy Ringwald, 1968

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land: precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past: I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land: precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto thee, with my dream of a world that is free. For that day when all flesh joins the glory thou hast planned, Precious Lord, take my hand.

— Joyce Merman (1921–1996)

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 708**

Rejoice in God's saints, vs. 1

Hanover

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The * indicates all stand.*

THE SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 700**

Abide with me

Eventide

The Dismissal with Blessing

Officiant The peace of Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Response

Christ, mighty Savior

David Hurd

Give heed, we pray you, to our supplication, that you may grant us pardon for offenses, strength for our weak hearts, rest for aching bodies, soothing the weary. Though bodies slumber, hearts shall keep their vigil, forever resting in the peace of Jesus, in light or darkness worshipping our Savior now and forever.

Postlude

Prelude in E-flat

Johann Kittel (1732–1809)

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

How Firm a Foundation

529

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

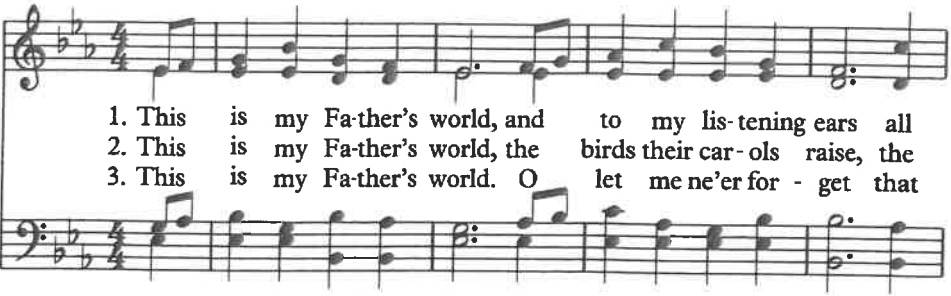
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

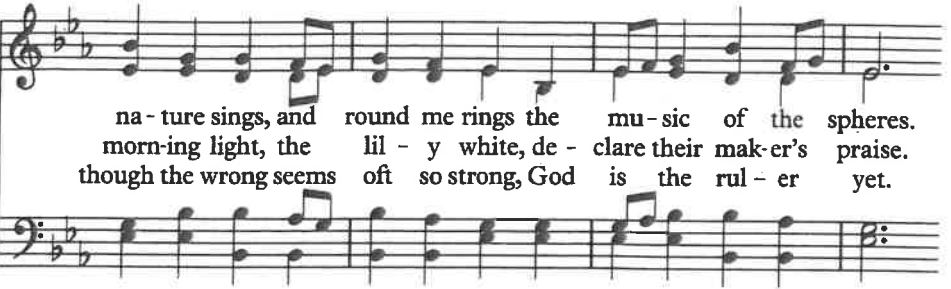
WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:1-2)
 MUSIC: Early USA melody; harm. from *Tabor*, 1866

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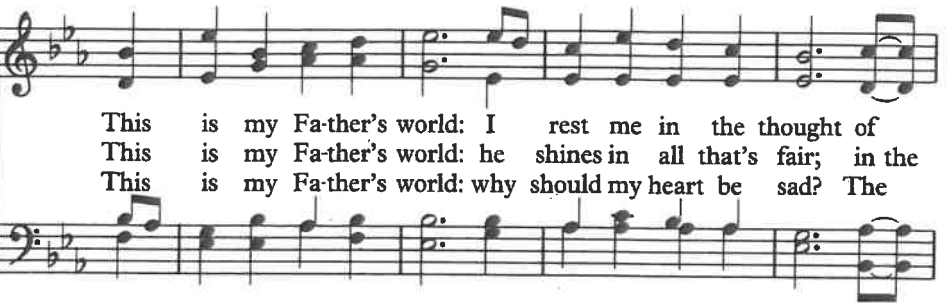
This Is My Father's World



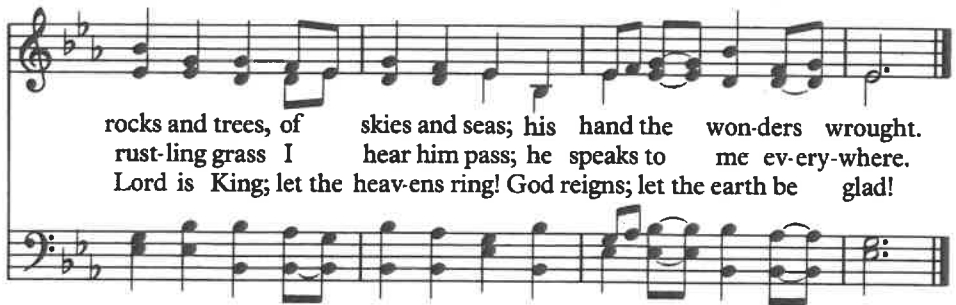
1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rust-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-ery-where.
 Lord is King; let the heav-ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA
SMD

Abide with Me

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour.
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.



TODAY

YOU'RE INVITED
Christmas
COFFEE HOUSE

Silent Auction - Local Nonprofits - Coffee & Treats

Sun, Nov. 16th
3 PM - 5 PM

FUMC Trinity Building
1610 Prince Street



UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Coffeehouse

3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, Great Hall

Men's Prayer Breakfast

7 a.m. Wednesdays, Fellowship Hall

Healing Prayer Ministry

9 a.m. Wednesdays, Trinity Chapel

Wednesday Bible Study

10 a.m. Wednesdays, Youth Big Room

Play and Crochet

5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, Church playground

MidWeek Activities

Wednesday, Nov. 19
Dinner at 6 p.m., age-level ministries after dinner,
music opportunities for all ages

Food Pantry Distribution

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20
Drive-through distribution

Fifth Sunday Presentation

10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Great Hall
A discussion on Mental Health and Family
Dynamics

Journey Through Advent

2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Basement Kitchen
Join us for food, fun & faith building as we
celebrate the beginning of the Advent season

Help Needed in Food Pantry

We need extra hands in our Food Pantry
distribution on Thursdays.

We have a particular need
for helpers during the 4 to 6 p.m.
food distribution.

Contact Pastor Miranda to
volunteer, or sign up for the November
distribution times using the QR Code! There
are plenty of opportunities to help in the
coming weeks.



Let's Talk About It FAMILY DYNAMICS During the Holidays

Please join the Church & Society committee of Conway First
United Methodist Church for our Fifth Sunday Presentation
on November 30th at 10AM in the Great Hall.

We'll have a panel of professionals speaking about how to
approach difficult topics with family members
and protect your mental health during the holidays.

Follow the QR code below to submit any specific questions or
topics you would like our pros to address.

November 30th, 10am
Great Hall



Submit Questions here.