

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WELCOME

Prelude Adagio Tomaso Albinoni (1671–1751)

Introit For everyone born Brian Mann, 2006

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship. For everyone born, the right to be free. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace.

— S. A. Murray, 1998

The Call to Worship

Officiant We have come together as one.

People **One people, gathered in the name of the one God.**

Officiant We will worship together as one.

People **One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.**

Officiant We are being empowered as one by One.

People **One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.**

Officiant Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.
One people, giving witness to the power of One.

*** Hymn 557**

Blest be the tie that binds

Dennis

*The * indicates all stand.*

The Confession and Pardon, *said by all*

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Officiant

May Almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins and restoring us to new life in him. 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

Ephesians 4:1–6

<i>Reader</i>	The word of God for the people of God.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78, Hymnal p. 799

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

*** Hymn 630** Become to us the living bread *Gelobt sei Gott*

The Gospel Lesson *John 6:24–25*

Pastor The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

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

Concerns and Prayers, *all seated*

The Lord's Prayer, text at Hymn 270

The Offering

Anthem

One faith, one hope, one Lord Craig Courtney (b. 1972)

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

– Ephesians 4

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**

Glory be to the Father

Meineke

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 663**

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise

Ellers

The Dismissal with Blessing

Officiant The peace of Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Response

Song of Lau Tsu

Colin Hodgetts, 1983

Be gentle and you can afford to be bold, be frugal and so have enough to be liberal, be humble and thus be a leader of all, this is the way. Through gentleness those who attack win the fight, and those who defend have their safety in gentleness; this gentleness rests in the children of God; this is their sign.

Postlude

The March of Priests Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809–1847)

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

557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782

MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

DENNIS
SM

558

We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

WORDS: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972

MUSIC: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972

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Psalm 78:1-4, 9-20, 32b-38a

Ps. 78:1

RESPONSE (*General*)

Timothy E. Kimbrough

We shall lis - ten, Lord, to your teach - ing,

and heed the words of your mouth.

Alternate response at Ps. 25, response 2.

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- ¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching:
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- ² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- ³ things that we have heard and known,
that our forebears have told us.
- ⁴ We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, the might,
and wonders God has wrought. R

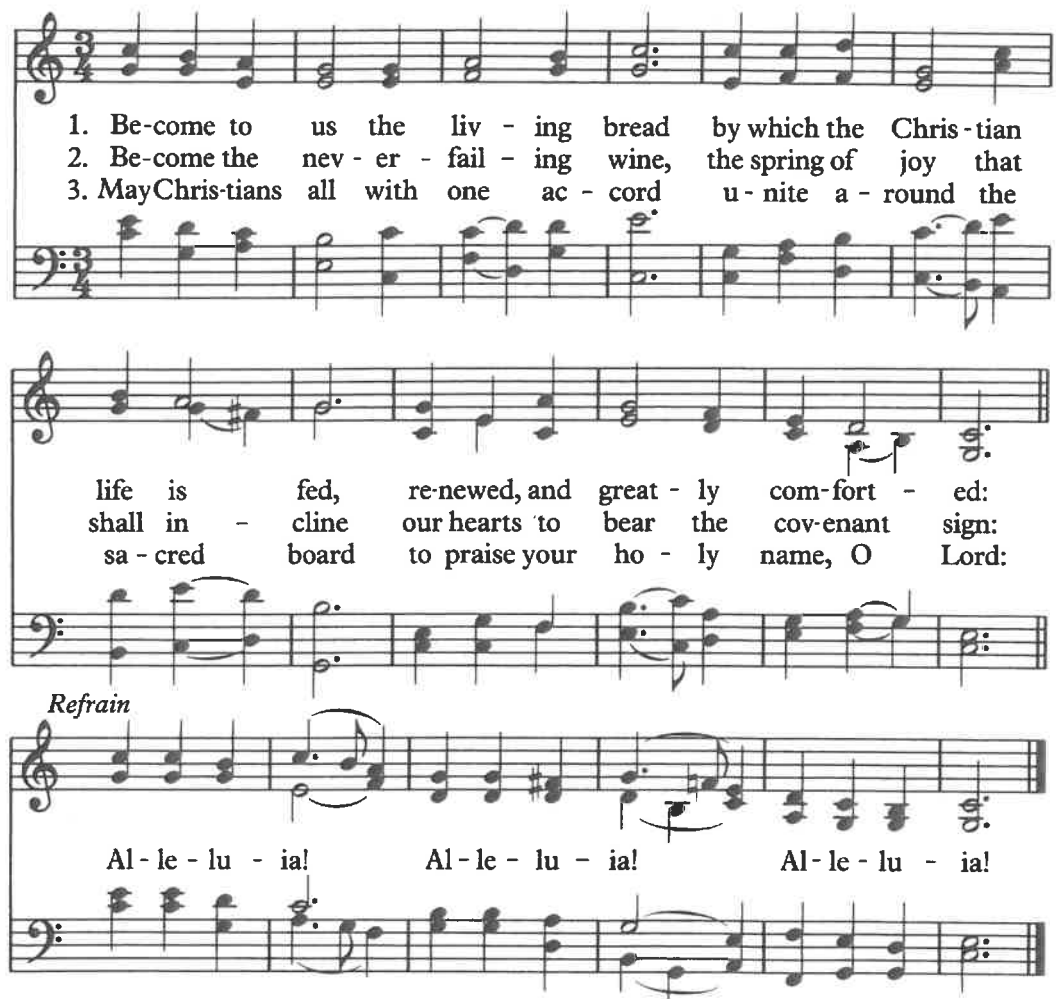
EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION OR THE LORD'S SUPPER)

D.C.



when you call your fam-ily, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav-en-ly food.
 not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 all the world can - not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char-i - ty.

Become to Us the Living Bread 630



1. Be-come to us the liv - ing bread by which the Chris-tian
 2. Be-come the nev - er - fail - ing wine, the spring of joy that
 3. May Chris-tians all with one ac - cord u - nite a - round the

life is fed, re-newed, and great - ly com-fort - ed:
 shall in - cline our hearts to bear the cov-enant sign:
 sa - cred board to praise your ho - ly name, O Lord:

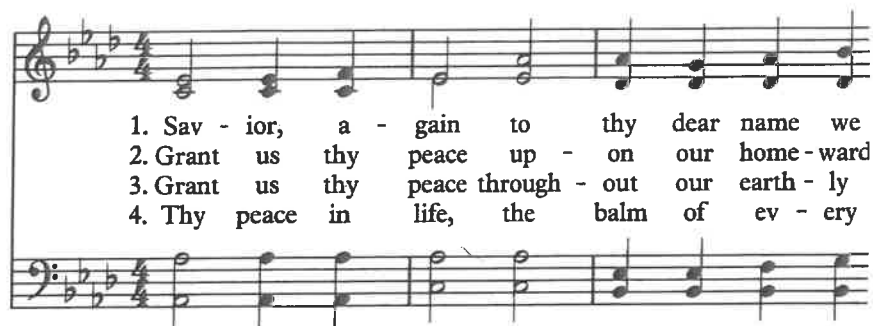
Refrain

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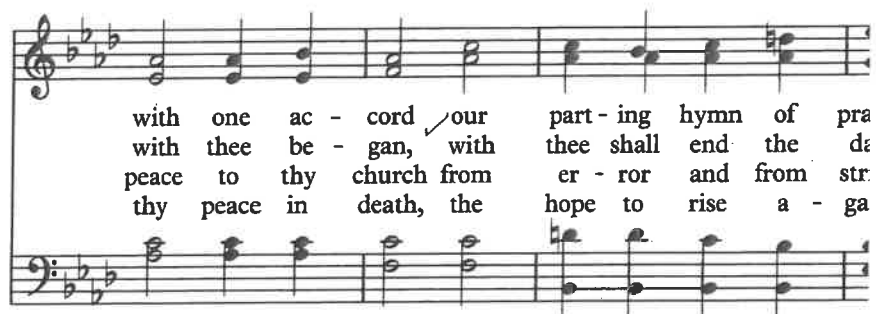
WORDS: Miriam Drury, 1970 (Jn. 6:35-58)
 MUSIC: *Schönes Geistliches Gesangbuch*, 1609;
 harm. from *The Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

GELOBT SEI GOTT
 888 with Alleluias

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name



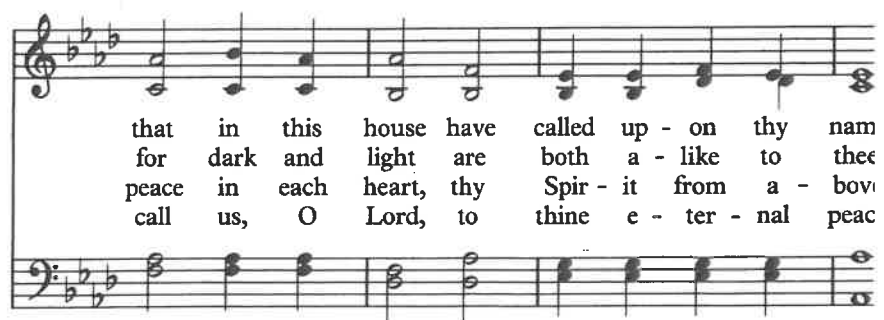
1. Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we
 2. Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward
 3. Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly
 4. Thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery



with one ac - cord, our part - ing hymn of pra
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the da
 peace to thy church from er - ror and from str
 thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - ga



guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from sha
 From harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren fre
 peace to our land, the fruit of truth and lov
 then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cea



that in this house have called up - on thy nam
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee
 peace in each heart, thy Spir - it from a - bove
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peac

WORDS: John Ellerton, 1866; alt.
 MUSIC: Edward J. Hopkins, 1869



TODAY



Trunk or Treat & Costume Fun

BOO-TIFUL NIGHT

STARTS AT 4PM

26 OCT

Candy, Fun Games & More
Conway FUMC
1610 Prince St



Fall Trunk or Treat

4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, in the church parking lot

Play and Crochet

5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29
Church parking lot

All Saints Day

Sunday, Nov. 2
All three worship services

Charge Conference

5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, Great Hall
Everyone is invited!

Vision 2026

10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, Great Hall
A discussion of ministry plans for 2026

Christmas Coffeehouse

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

Greenery Sales



The Music Department's Greenery Sale is under way to raise funds for special projects throughout the year!

How to order:

- Order on Sunday mornings at the information booth in the lobbies of both buildings or during Middle Grounds.
- Order online using the QR Code -- you will pay the church directly either by check or at conwayfumc.org/give/



**Sales will be held from
Oct. 15 through Nov. 10**

Questions? Email Van Lamar at greenery@conwayfumc.org



Hosts Needed for Charge Conference

On Monday, Nov. 3, at 5 p.m., Conway FUMC will host a Charge Conference for our church and several other churches from Faulkner, Conway and Perry counties.

Because we will have so many visitors to our church on that day, we would love to have some church members serve as hosts.

If you can help with this ministry opportunity, please contact Pastor Nathan.

Letters of Paul Weekly Reading

Readings from Ephesians
for Oct. 27 through 31

Monday – Chapter 1-2

Tuesday – Chapter 3

Wednesday – Chapter 4

Thursday – Chapter 5

Friday – Chapter 6