#### **News & Events**

**Youth Sunday Night.** Don't forget youth tonight from 6-8:00 p.m. Get ready for a lot of fun as well as great worship time together.

**Senior High/Junior High Assembly.** Registration is open for Assembly 2023, a week of worship, music, and fun with your peers. Go to accym.org to sign up.

Event Date: July 17-21, 2023

Event Location: Hendrix College in Conway, AR.

**Ages:** Completed 6-12 grades

Cost: \$145 which covers conference registration, meals,

transportation, and lodging for the entire trip.

**Vacation Bible School.** VBS is June 26-29 this year. All volunteers must be Safe Gatherings certified by that time. It isn't a difficult process and does not need to be done all at once. If you plan on volunteering, please contact the church office. I will forward an email with the link and instructions on what to do. Thanks!

**Pastor's Bible Study.** The last Bible Study before summer break is Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, both sessions, in-person and via Zoom.

**Office Closed.** Memorial Day is Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The church office will be closed and will reopen Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.

Running of the Tubs. Running of the Tubs. Youth are going to RotT June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Hot Springs. We leave from the church at 7:30 a.m. and return about 2:30 p.m. Bring your water guns and money for lunch. The church will pay for a round of putt-putt.

**United Women in Faith.** UWinF is collecting personal care items through June 6<sup>th</sup> to be given to Sheriff Jason Watson to utilize in emergency situations and for incarcerated women in the Clark County Jail. Donations can be brought to the Narthex on Sundays or the church office during the week.

## **Mission Opportunities**

Arms Around Arkadelphia. It is almost time for Arms Around Arkadelphia (June 12-15). This is a yearly event begun by First Baptist Church to help those around Arkadelphia with things such as yard work, construction projects such as building wheelchair ramps, painting, etc. First Methodist has had a long history of helping. To volunteer, call First Baptist at 870-246-5587.

## **Weekly Participation Opportunities**

**Sunday Night Youth.** Meets from 6-8:00 p.m. in the Sturgis Children & Youth Center. Contact Jewelie for more information.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Meets at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Led by Claire Gehrki.

**Pastor's Bible Study.** Wednesdays at noon and 6:30 p.m. (in person/Zoom) in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Zeke Allen.

**Chancel Choir Practice.** Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. Contact Bill Higgins for more information.

#### Please Remember:

- A. You may put your offering in the plate, use Tithely by scanning the QR code under Ways to Give, go directly to Tithely at https://tithe.ly/give?c=368022, or drop it off at the church office during the week or by mail.
- B. You can live stream services on Facebook or YouTube at www.facebook.com/fumcark or www.youtube.com/user/fumcark. Watch previous services at www.fumcark.org/sermons.

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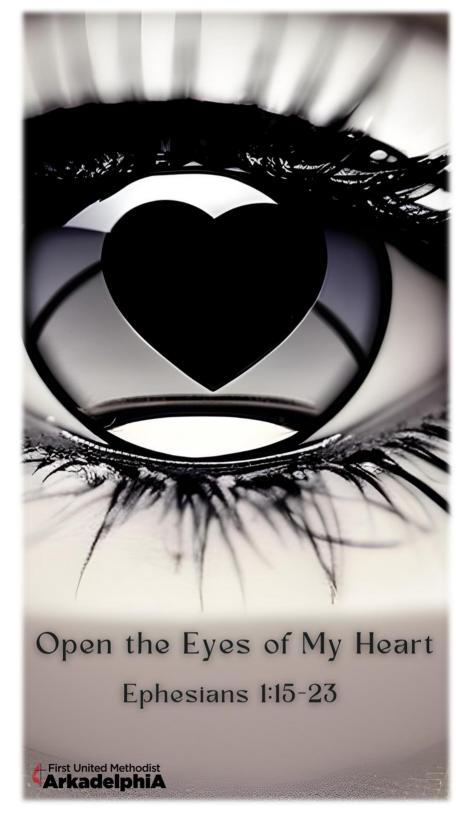
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Adopted by First United Methodist Church Council, October 10, 2017.



# **Worship for the Lord's Day**

May 21, 2023 Traditional Worship Service Ascension Sunday Arkadelphia, AR

**Chiming of the Hour** 

Welcome Penny Ferguson

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee

Prayer of Christ Ascending Towards His Father

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-by Olivier Messiaen

## \*Call to Worship

Here in this place, we discover the great things God has done. In this story and song, in silence and sacrament, we are reminded of God's presence in our lives.

Here, in this space, we are surrounded by others on the journey of faith.

Together we ask that God might open the eyes of our hearts and renew our spirits yet again.

Here, yet again, we gather in worship of a God whose promises hold true.

Of the One who repairs our mistakes. Of the One who reshapes our brokenness.

ALL: Come fill this space with your presence, Holy God.

\*Processional Hymn UMH No. 312

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

\*Apostles' Creed UMH No. 881

\*The Gloria Patri UMH No. 70 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.

Children's Moment Sabrina Mecum

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Reading of the Psalter UMH No. 781

Psalm 47

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering

**The Offertory** Kay McAfee

Give Me Jesus -by Richard Bellingham

\*Doxology UMH No. 95
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Reading God's Word Penny Ferguson

Ephesians 1:15-23

Anthem Chancel Choir

There Through Endless Ranks of Angels

-by Carl Schalk

Sermon Rev. Zeke Allen

Open the Eyes of My Heart

\*Hymn of Response TFWS No. 2282

I'll Fly Away

\*Benediction/Blessing Rev. Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee

Thine Be the Glory -by James Pethel

\*Please stand if able

#### Praver

Our thoughts and prayers are with Earnestine Clark and her family. Earnestine has been admitted to Twin Rivers for palliative care.

#### ANTHEM TEXT

# There Through Endless Ranks of Angel -by Carl Schalk

There through endless ranks of angels, cries of triumph in His ears, to His heavenly throne ascending, having vanquished all their fears, Christ looks now upon His faithful, leaving them in happy tears.

Death destroying, life restoring, proven equal to our needs, now for us before the Father, as our Brother, intercede; Flesh that for our world was wounded, living for the wounded plead.

To our lives of wanton wandering send your promised Spirit Guide, through our lives of fear and failure with your power and love abide; Welcome us as you were welcomed to an endless Eastertide.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
O to breathe the Spirit's grace!
O to see the Father's face! Oh to feel the Son's embrace!

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