

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God's People

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.

Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

Breathe new life into your people, O God.

For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.

Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace.

Invocation

*Processional Hymn

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

UMH 163

*Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; the third day he rose from the
dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

*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.*

Prayer of Yearning,

Come, O God, be with us here. As much as a deer
longs for streams of cool water, we long to know
that you are with us. When trouble and sorrow
come, we need you. Help us remember that you
are always with us, and that your love is steadfast.
Put your song into our hearts, that we may praise
you this day. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Each day, God's love is steadfast.

Each night, God's peace abides with us.

We are all part of one family in Christ Jesus

Children's Sermon

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *He Looked Beyond my Fault* Mauldin
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Galatians 3:6-18

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Let's Start with Abraham* Rev. Waldrup

Response to God's Word

Choral Call to Prayer Chancel Choir

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*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.*

*Hymn of Invitation and Dedication

I Know Whom I Have Believed

UMH 714

*Benediction

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
Go in peace and may others come to experience the grace
of Christ through you.

*Congregational Choral Response

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

*Postlude

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Liturgist: Mike Murphree

**Core Values—At April's Lunch & Learn**, members of our congregation worked towards a consensus on our shared Core Values as a congregation. These were the five answers most common (we combined a few)  
Mission—serving the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of our mission field.  
Hospitality—making the stranger feel welcomed, accepted, and a part of our community  
Gathering—joyfully coming together as a community for worship and fellowship  
Love—showing compassion and kindness  
Spiritual Growth—fostering a system of discipleship through prayer, study of Scripture, and stewardship that leads to becoming more like Christ

**Prayers for...**

*the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestinians in Gaza.  
the people suffering from weather related events and  
their strength to rebuild their communities.  
our men and women serving in harm's way  
the neighbors served by our community ministries.  
the rebuilding of trust between neighbors so that we  
continue to work together to form a more perfect and just  
union.*

**our church family...** Ed & Bonnie House, Jay Daniel,  
Don Davis, Bob Wunnenberg, Rhonda Shirey,  
Charles Crowder, Hanna McAllister

**hospice...** Martha Davis

**extended family...** Robert Parham, Jean Beaver,  
Jason Peppers, Brynn Thayer, Carol Ellen, John Cash,  
James Louviere, Daniel Godwin, Lanae Gaston,  
Julie Atkins, Sue Paysen, Carolyn Oakley, Ham Singleton,  
Carmen Bell, Lloyd Ryan, Mike Nelson, Grayson Norton,  
Bill Hale, Donnie Berg

**homebound or assisted living ...**Elizabeth Taylor,  
Sarah Shirey, Danny Barnes, Bill Morrison, Joyce Mann,  
Joyce Richardson, Gloria Bounds, Sherry & Ron Randolph,  
Ruth Dempsey, Alice Robertson, Lou Slaughter

**military...**Buck Lucas

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*Christian love and sympathy is extended to
Jenny, Charlie, Lexie, Jack, Luke and Levi Louden
in the death of Jenny's brother, David Joseph Nagle.*

Do you have a graduate in your family? Senior Sunday is
May 12, 2024. If you have a Senior graduating for high
school or college, please let us know.

**The full worship service is broadcast on FM 97.1 on
Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Worship Service
is available on our YouTube channel -
First United Methodist Church Camden, AR**

This Week at Church

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
3:00pm Grief Group
5:00pm Youth—Mosley

Monday, April 22, 2024

9:00am Food Pantry
11:00am Strong Women
4:45pm Sue's Table
6:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

8:30am Preschool
9:00am Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

8:30am Preschool
11:00am Strong Women
12:00pm Bible Study
6:00pm Youth Bible Study
6:30pm Hand Bells
7:30pm Choir

Thursday, April 25, 2024

8:30am Preschool

Friday, April 26, 2024

9:00am Food Pantry
11:00am Strong Women

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

***Open Hearts, Open Minds
Open Doors***