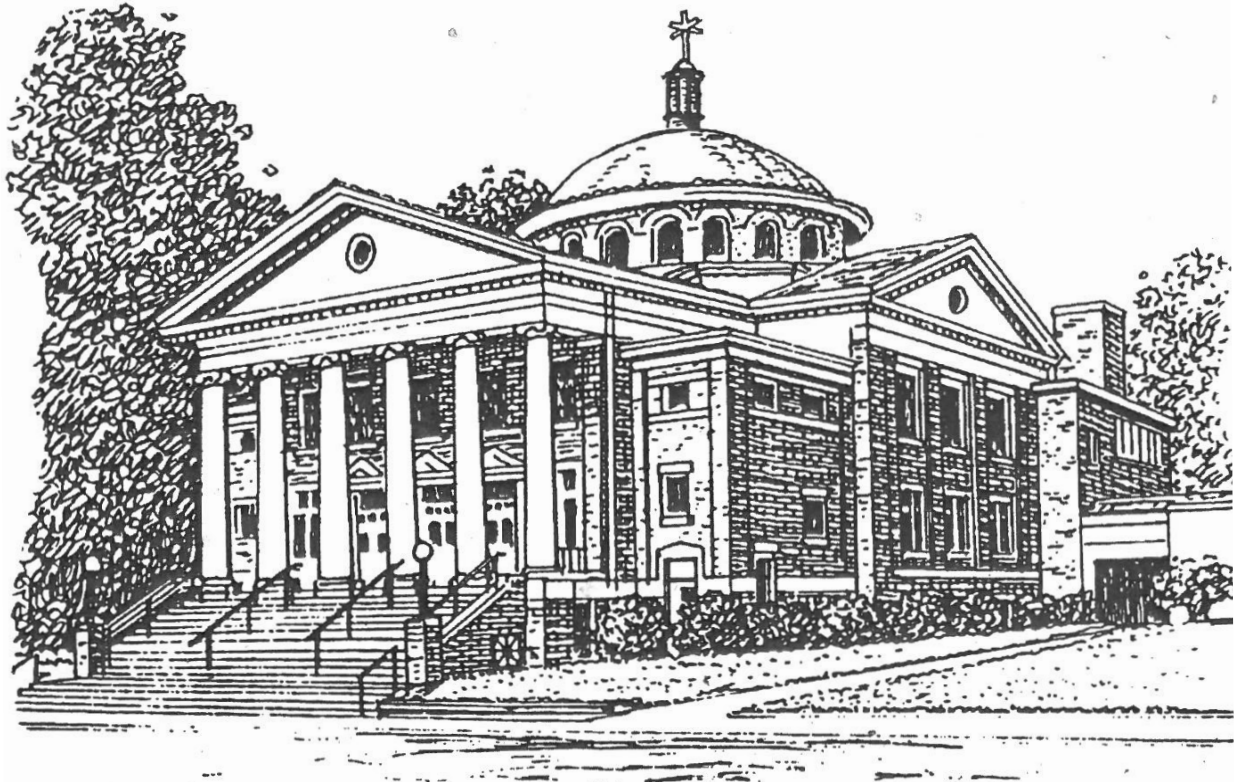




*First United  
Methodist Church*

*Conway, AR*



The First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025  
11:00 a.m.

1610 Prince Street, Conway, Arkansas, (501) 329-3801, [www.conwayfumc.org](http://www.conwayfumc.org)

*Welcome to First United Methodist Church. Please accept this invitation to participate fully in worship and give glory to God.*

## **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### ***THE WELCOME***

#### **Prelude**

O world, I must now leave thee, Op. 122, No. 11      Joh. Brahms  
(1833-1897)

**Introit**                      Kyrie eleison, *Missa Dorica*              Richard Webster  
(b. 1952)

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.*

#### **The Call to Worship**

*Officiant*      The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

*People*        **His mercies never come to an end;**

*Officiant*      They are new every morning;

*People*        **Great is your faithfulness.**

*All*              **We join in worship of the One who continues to remain faithful!**

**Hymn 361**                      Rock of ages, cleft for me                      *Toplady*  
*Sung by all, standing.*

*All sit.*

## The Confession and Pardon

*All*

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Giver of Life: Hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow and we have continued to stray from your path. We have not remained faithful. Forgive us. Heal the brokenness and guide us to restore the rifts between us and others. Mend us and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*All pray in silence.*

*Officiant*

Friends, hear this good news: God's mercy endures forever! 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

### The Scripture Lesson

*Isaiah 55:1-9*

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 40, UMC Hymnal p. 774

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



## The Offering

**Anthem**      One faith, one hope, one Lord      Craig Courtney  
(b. 1954)

*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 call 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.*

— based on Ephesians 4:4-6, 13

*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 441**

*Sharptborne*

**What does the Lord require for praise and offering?**

**What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?**

**Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.**

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## THE SENDING FORTH

### Hymn 140

Great is thy faithfulness

*Faithfulness*

*Sung by all, standing.*

### The Dismissal with Blessing

*Officiant* The peace of Christ be with you.

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

### The Response

When from bondage we are summoned

*Grid*

*When from bondage we are summoned out of darkness into light, we must go in hope and patience, walk by faith and not by sight. We must not lose sight of Jesus, who accepted pain and loss, who, for joy of love unmeasured, dared embrace the shameful cross. Let us throw off all that hinders; let us run the race to win! Let us hasten to our homeland and, rejoicing, enter in.*

— Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939)

### Postlude

O, dearest Jesus, BWV 1093

Joh. Seb Bach  
(1685-1750)

***Memorials and Honor Gifts***

*To the glory of God in memory of  
Bud & Sue Hines  
by Libba Tierney*

*To the glory of God in memory of  
Greg Copley  
by Bill & Mary Kay Dunaway*

*To the glory of God in memory of  
Jean Parrack  
by Joseph & Amy Fuggi*

*To the glory of God in honor of  
FUMC Confirmands  
by Bill & Cecilia Patterson*

*To the glory of God in honor of  
Kish Jones  
by Charles Pittman*

*Officiant*

Rev. Nathan Kilbourne

*Preacher*

Rev. Miranda Hornsby

*Acolytes*

Eleanor Kilbourne, Alaina Davis

*Reader*

April Blackburn

*Psalmist*

Caleb Ellis

*The Choir*

The Chancel Choir

*Trumpet*

Steve Cohen

*Organ*

Jason A. Saugey

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