

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering of God's People

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

When they had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ahead, saying: "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord has need of it.'"

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

After bringing the colt to Jesus and throwing their cloaks on its back, the disciples set Jesus upon it. As he road along, people spread their cloaks upon the road.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

Open the gates of righteousness, O God, that we may enter through them.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Bind the festival procession with palm branches. Enter the gates of righteousness with shouts of thanksgiving.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven, and glory to God in the highest heaven!

Hearing the crowd's shouts of praise, some of the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, order your disciples to STOP."

But Jesus answered,

"I tell you, if these were silent, The stones would shout out."

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn of Praise

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH 280

*Prayer of Confession

God of righteousness,

draw near to us in the coming week.

We yearn to keep singing our hosannas, but fear that we too may lose our convictions in the face of an angry mob.

We long to see ourselves as your champions, but fear that we too might deny you or betray you with a kiss.

Strengthen our resolve during Holy Week, that we may remain your faithful disciples. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Christ has open the gates of righteousness and beckons us to walk through.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our salvation.

Children's Sermon

Rebecca Roark

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem

Hosanna, Hosanna Martin/Williams
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 19:28-40

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*Players & Protagonist
in the Kingdom of God*

Response to God's Word

Choral Call to Prayer

Chancel Choir

*Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your Kingdom.*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Autry

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH 292

*Benediction

On the back of a donkey,

Jesus came to bless us.

With the light of his love,

Jesus came to illuminate our way.

From the power of aimlessness and sin,

Jesus came to set us free.

With the power of the Holy Spirit,

Go with the blessings of God's anointed.

*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

Liturgist: Wade Green

Today we welcome our District Superintendent, Rev. DeeDee Autry as our guest preacher. Rev. Autry has served as full-time clergy in the Arkansas Conference since 1992 and was ordained an elder in 1995. She has been a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry for 12 years and has served as dean of the Local Pastor Licensing School. Her education includes a BA in Religion, Philosophy, and Christian Education from the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, AR, and a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. Autry also earned a Certified Credential from the International Coaching Federation as a Professional Certified Coach. Rev. Autry is married to John Autry, and they have two daughters, Emily Grace and Mary Elizabeth.

Prayers for...

*the people of Ukraine, Syria, Israel, and Gaza.
our men and women serving in harm's way.
the neighbors served by our community ministries.
victims and victim communities of mass shootings.
reconciliation in the United States
those harmed in the recent storms*

our church family... Ed & Bonnie House, Rhonda Shirey, Dot Everett, Wanda Shambley, Mattie Upton, Don Davis, Dick Taylor (SO), Mona Jeffus (SO), Sara Yarbrough

extended family... James Louviere, Daniel Godwin, Sue Paysen, Lloyd Ryan, Billy Atkins, Roberta Ross-Fisher, Erica Mederos, Debbie Moseley, George Robinson, Sharon Clay, Weegie Watts, Ed Horton, Collins Nugent, Ellen Myers

homebound or assisted living ... Elizabeth Taylor, Danny Barnes, Joyce Mann, Sarah Shirey, Joyce Richardson, Ruth Dempsey, Billy Joe Black, Lou Slaughter, Pat Beasley, Dot Bearden, Ann Ellen

military... Buck Lucas

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*Christian love and sympathy is extended to Donna & Earl Crumpler and family in the death of Donna's mother, Peggy Ernst.*

*Christian love and sympathy is extended to Alicia Mosley and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Yvonne Horton. Alicia's brother, Ed remains in the hospital in Hot Springs.*

*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the April 7th birth of Rose Elizabeth Guthmuller, daughter of Sarah & Casey Guthmuller. Bernie & Dick Dickson are the proud great-grandparents.*

Berg Egg Hunt is this afternoon at 2:00pm.  
It starts at 1725 Brookridge.

## This Week at Church

### **Sunday, April 13, 2025**

|         |                              |
|---------|------------------------------|
| 9:00am  | Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1 |
| 9:30am  | Sunday School                |
| 10:30am | Worship                      |
| 2:00pm  | Berg Egg Hunt                |

### **Monday, April 14, 2025**

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| 9:00am | Food Pantry     |
| 2:00pm | Great Hall Open |
| 4:45pm | Sue's Table     |
| 6:00pm | Bible Study     |

### **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

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| 8:30am | Preschool   |
| 9:00am | Food Pantry |

### **Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

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| 8:30am     | Preschool         |
| 11:00am    | Strong Women      |
| 12:00 noon | Bible Study       |
| 6:00pm     | Healing Service   |
| 6:30pm     | Youth Bible Study |
| 6:30pm     | Handbells         |
| 7:30pm     | Choir             |

### **Thursday, April 17, 2025**

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| 8:30am | Preschool       |
| 6:00pm | Maundy Thursday |

### **Friday, April 18, 2025**

Good Friday—All Ministries Closed

### **Saturday, April 19, 2025**

Silent Saturday

**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**

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**Palm Sunday**

**April 13, 2025**

**Open Hearts, Open Minds  
Open Doors**