

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God's People

Welcome

***Passing of the Peace**

Prelude

Gospel Reading John 20:1-13a

Call to Worship

We don't know where to find Jesus.

The days have been dark.

The news has been sad.

We do not know what to do with our grief.

The cross has claimed his life.

The tomb has shrouded our hope.

We don't know where to turn for comfort.

Who has stolen him from us.

Why are we alone at the tomb?

We don't know where to look for answers.

Tears and sorrow blind us in our grief.

We don't know where to find Jesus.

Gospel Reading John 20:13b-18

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302

Prayer of Confession

Holy and loving God,

when we hide away in tombs of death,

lead us into life.

When we cower in our fears and regret,

encourage us with your mercy and your grace,

that we might claim the life you offer.

Help us embrace your love

and live in your risen presence.

In hope and joy, we pray.

Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

We have been raised with Christ!

Thanks be to God for this glorious gift.

Children's Sermon

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *He Lives Medley* Robertson
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14
This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Can These Bones Live?*

Response to God's Word

Choral Call to Prayer Chancel Choir
*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Pastoral 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.*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy
mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Invitation and Dedication**
Lift High the Cross

UMH 149

***Benediction**

Where there seems to be no life,
God breathes new life.

We are so grateful for the power
of your transforming love.

We bring these gifts,
hoping that they will breathe new life
into barren places of our world.

We bring our lives, filled with the power of resurrection,
ready to serve all your creation.

***Congregational Choral Response**

*He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know He lives,
He lives within my heart.*

***Postlude**

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Liturgist: Larry Horseman

Communion Stewards: David & Kristy Mosley  
Mike & Grace Murphree

**Prayers for...**

*the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.  
our men and women serving in harm's way.  
neighbors served by our ministries*

**our church family...** Ed & Bonnie House, Judson Hout, Rhonda Shirey, Dot Everett, Wanda Shambley, Verna Riley, Fred Dietrich, Brenda Grimes, Joe Hirsch, Ron Randolph, Neelie Dobbins, Sue Gregory, Bill Gibbs, Mike Dobbins, Mari Weidmann Sutterfield, Tina Freeman, Dick Newcomb, Joan Coffey

**hospice...**Sara Yarbrough, Charles Cathey, Ray Ellen

**extended family...** Bobby Clayborn, Charlie Atkins, Greg Nettles, Jay Williams, Robyn Yarbrough, Willie Gibson, Elizabeth Rowlett

**homebound or assisted living ...**Joyce Mann, Danny Barnes, Sarah Shirey, Ruth Dempsey, Vickie Moore, Lou Slaughter, Pat Beasley, Ann Ellen, Fay Kendrick

*The rose on the altar celebrates the March 29th birth of Jack Corbin Merriott. He is the son of Krista & Cory Merriott and the little brother of Garrett. Lana and Mike Fisher are the proud grandparents. Bill Gibbs is the proud great-grandfather.*

**Camden First United Methodist Church Staff**

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**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
5:00pm Youth

**Monday, April 6, 2026**

9:00am Food Pantry  
11:00am Strong Women  
2:30pm Great Hall Doors open  
5:00pm Sue's Table  
6:00pm Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

8:30am Preschool  
9:00am Food Pantry

**Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

8:30am Preschool  
11:00am Strong Women  
12:00pm Bible Study  
7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 9, 2026**

8:30am Preschool

**Friday, April 10, 2026**

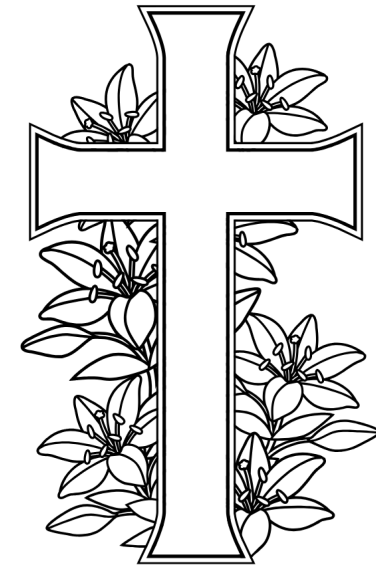
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**The full worship service is broadcast on FM 97.1 on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Worship Service is available on our YouTube channel - First United Methodist Church Camden, AR**

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Camden, Arkansas**



I Am the Resurrection and I am the Life  
John 11:25

***Easter Sunday***

**April 5, 2026**

***Following Jesus  
Loving People  
Sharing Grace***