

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God's People

Welcome

***Passing of the Peace**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Gathered in worship with silence and sound,
we wait upon God's grace.

Gathered in worship with focused heart and mind,
we anticipate the time we face.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind *UMH 358*

***Prayer of Yearning,**

**Holy God, you have called us from the seashore to
service in this world.**

**You have pulled us from our comfort
to embrace the inconvenience of servanthood.**

**You have put before us opportunities
that we never truly wanted.**

**Like Jonah, who resented going where you sent him,
we are restless and resistant.**

**We would rather sleep in a boat
and go about a casual kind of life.**

**We'd rather live our days as we always have
and let the tides carry us where they will.**

**May the storms of our days shake us
to new awareness and renewed paths
of faithful living. Amen.**

***Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news!

Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you.

Before you remembered your sin,

God extended redeeming grace.

Hear these words: you are forgiven.

**Thanks be that God stands watch over
our very lives.**

**Thanks be to God for the grace that meets us
where we are.**

Hear these words: you are forgiven.

Children's Sermon

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *Go into the World* Wilson
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Jonah 3:10-4:11
This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Radical Grace*

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

Giving and Receiving of the Elements

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**
Grace Greater Than Our Sin *UMH 365*

***Benediction**

The kingdom of God is near.

We are called to action.

The kingdom of God unfolds throughout our lives.

We will that the word of grace into the world.

Go, redeemed and blessed, for you are never alone.

We will spread the good news! Amen.

***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: Wade Green

Communion Stewards: Dalton & Jenkins Dobbins  
Erin & Jonathan McAllister

**Prayers for...**

*the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.  
our men and women serving in harm's way.  
neighbors served by our ministries  
Rev. Ryan Bachuss, Lyndsey, and Emerson  
churches in transition  
families dealing with storm damage*

**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, Joan Coffey, Dick & Joann Newcomb

**hospice...**Ray Ellen

**extended family...** Bobby Clayborn, Charlie Atkins, Greg Nettles, Jay Williams, Robyn Yarbrow, Willie Gibson, Elizabeth Rowlett, Anita Walker, James Louviere

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

**South District Prayer Partner...**Sulpher Springs UMC

*Christian love and sympathy is extended to the family of Ginny Burgess. Ginny was a former employee of our church.*

**Needed for Vacation Bible School—June 8th-11th**

- Storyteller                      Child Wranglers
- Kitchen helpers                Refreshments for workers
- Clean baby food jars with lids

**Camden First United Methodist Church Staff**

- Pastor.....Rev. Beth A. Waldrup
- Administrator.....Erin McAllister
- Choir Director/Organist.....Cynthia Outlaw
- Director of Missions.....Tate Wunnenburg
- Director of Preschool.....Jill Daugherty
- Asst. Director of Preschool....Amanda Reynolds

**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

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

**Monday, May 4, 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, May 5, 2026**

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

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

- 8:30am            Preschool
- 11:00am          Strong Women
- 7:00pm            Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

- 8:30am            Preschool

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

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

**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**



***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

**May 3, 2026**

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