

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Gathering of God's People

Welcome

\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

How shall we prepare for the coming of the Lord

**Where do we turn when we feel forsaken and alone?**

We search for God before and behind us,  
but God is not there.

**We search for God above and beneath us,  
but come away empty.**

Yet, even now, we will commit ourselves to God.

**Even now, we will put our trust in the Lord.**

Come! Let us worship.

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*UMH 384*

\*Affirmation of Faith

Where the spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith we now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love as set forth in the example  
of our blessed Lord, to the end that the  
kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Confession

O Lord,  
darkness surrounds us like a cold stone tomb,  
until your light bursts into our lives  
like a clear, bright dawn.

We cover our eyes,  
we're so unprepared for your coming.  
Your light blazes forth like a white-hot fire,  
consuming all that it touches.  
**How can we stand before you, Lord?  
The road that we thought was straight and wide  
is now exposed as a twisted, crooked path,  
blocked by a mountain of sin.  
Where can we turn?  
Who will guide us back to the way of peace—  
the way that leads to you?**

\*Words of Assurance

The Lord is merciful and forgiving,  
a great and compassionate savior.  
God rescues us from darkness and frees us from fear.  
Like a refiner's fire, the Lord makes us shine  
with the brilliance of the purest gold and silver.  
The one who began this work in us  
seeks to bring it to completion.  
May the day of Christ find us flawless  
and without blame.

Children's Sermon

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *Sweet Beulah Land* Pethel  
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Malachi 3:1-5  
This is the Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Refiner's Fire* Rev. Waldrup

Response to God's Word

Choral Call to Prayer Chancel Choir  
*Surely the Presence*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Order of Farewell to a Pastor

I thank you, the members and friends of  
Camden First United Methodist Church,  
for the love and support you have shown me  
while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.  
I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.  
As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,  
and accept that you now leave to retire.  
We express our gratitude for your time among us.  
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.  
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness  
will not leave with your departure.**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you,  
trusting that our time together and our parting  
are pleasing to God.

I release you from turning to me and depending on me.  
I encourage your continuing ministry here  
and will pray for you and for your new pastor..

Let us pray

\*Hymn of Invitation and Dedication

*It Is Well with my Soul* *UMH 377*

\*Benediction

Go now to serve.

**We go now to love.**

Go with the blessings of God.

**We will serve God's people each day.**

\*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

**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 (Timberlane), Wanda Shambley, Verna Riley, Fred Dietrich, Brenda Grimes, Joe Hirsch, Ron Randolph, Neelie Dobbins, Sue Gregory, Bill Gibbs, Joan Coffey, Mari Weidmann Sutterfield, Tina Freeman, Dick & Joann Newcomb, Mary Barnes (WCMC)

**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

Liturgist: Mike Murphree

*Happy 94th Birthday to Ed House today, June 14th!*

**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

**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**

9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1  
9:15am Retirement Reception for Pastor Beth  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
5:00pm Youth

**Monday, June 15, 2026**

**9:00am Annual Conference Begins**  
9:00am Food Pantry  
11:00am Strong Women  
2:30pm Great Hall Doors open  
5:00pm Sue's Table

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

8:15am Annual Conference continues  
9:00am Food Pantry

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

8:15am Annual Conference continues  
11:00am Strong Women  
2:15pm Annual Conference Appointments  
7:00pm Choir Practice

**Friday, June 19, 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**



***Forged by Fire***

***Third Sunday after Pentecost***

**June 14, 2026**

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