

# AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

4th Sunday after Pentecost June 21, 2026 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Paraments – Red

\*Please stand as you are able.

Please remember to turn off cell phones.

**Vision Statement of First-Centenary United Methodist Church:**  
Build a healthy and diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Samuel Lizarraga, Mr. and Mrs. Marcial Lizarraga, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Pierce, and William F. Pierce, II by their family.

**Gathering Music** (10:30) Melodye Sparks and Laura Harrington

## Invocation

**Opening Voluntary** *A Mighty Fortress* J. Walther

**Call to Worship** (8:30) Ms. Shannon Smith (10:45) Mrs. Camille Rambajue

**Leader:** We gather in this place to worship our God:

**All:** **calm Presence in our times of confusion and worry,  
Comforter in our nights of struggle.**

**Leader:** We gather with fellow pilgrims,  
as we seek to follow Jesus:

**All:** **Brother to those swamped by fears,  
Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.**

**Leader:** We are brought together by the Spirit  
who lives in the depths of our souls:

**All:** **the Serenity who travels with us  
on this up-and-down journey we call life.**

**Leader:** Come. Let's worship together.

\*Hymn 110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

## Prayer

**O Faithful God,  
you yearn to be so close to us  
that we can know you in every breath,  
in every hope, in every relationship.  
You long for us to trust in your power  
to bring to life new possibilities  
where there has been no hope.  
Meet us here today and teach us to recognize  
the ways of life and hope  
into which you are leading us.  
So may our desires become your desires,  
our work become your work,  
and our community  
the place where you are sought and found.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**Anthem** (8:30) *Amazing Grace* arr. M. Kim  
Jan McNair and David Patton

(10:45) *Sing to the Lord a New Song* Haydn/ arr. Hopson  
The Chancel Choir

Sing to the Lord, sing a new song.  
All the earth, in joyful chorus, sing, O sing a new song.  
Lift up your voice, let all rejoice, give praise to the Lord.  
With harp and trumpet, sing forth your joyful praise.  
Let hills rejoice, let rivers clap their hands;  
let fields with gladness ring, unite in joyful praise.

Sing to the Lord, sing a new song.  
All the earth, in joyful chorus, sing, O sing a new song.  
Sing to the Lord, sing a new song.  
Great is the Lord, the Lord Almighty; Sing a joyful song.  
Sing to the Lord, sing a new song.  
All the earth, in joyful chorus, sing, O sing a new song.  
Sing hallelujah, Amen.

(Text from Psalm 96)

## Ritual of Friendship

### \*Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings

**Generous God, take our offerings this day  
and use them so that we may be part  
of your great work in this world.**

**Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love,  
not just in our community  
but in the world beyond these walls.**

**Strengthen our church and the whole United Methodist Church  
so that we grow together each day  
into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.**

### \*Doxology (# 95)

## Children's Time

**Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation**  
**The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (#895)**

**Old Testament Lesson (CEB)** I Samuel 17:4-11, 48-50

**Sermon** *Overcoming Our Giants* Rev. Jason Gattis

## Response

**O God, it feels like madness to stand before the giant  
with nothing but faith and a few small stones.**

**It seems insane to believe that anything but brute force  
can match the challenge of the powerful.**

**But, in the stillness a different voice whispers,  
the voice that speaks of crosses and empty tombs,  
and of justice and God's concern for the weak.**

**In the stillness fear and insecurity can be heard  
in the bellowing of the bullies.**

**And in the stillness the temptation in each of us  
to cling to our power at all costs  
becomes clear and transparent.**

**And so we find ourselves once again in prayer, Jesus,  
that the gentle persuasion of your cross  
may change how we understand power in our world;  
that the strong and powerful may find life  
in sharing and empowering.**

**May we each, in our own small way, remember that our fears  
are most often calmed  
when we allow your authority to lead us.**

**O God, give us wisdom and courage for the living of these days.  
Amen.**

\*Hymn 577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

## \*Benediction

**Voluntary** *Prelude in Classic Style* G. Young

**The Call to Worship** is from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom Shuman. Used by permission. **The Prayer and Gratitude for Tithes and Offerings** were written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain, Minister for Worship and Gospel Arts. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-5-june-27/> **The Response** was adapted from a prayer written by John van de Laar and found on Sacredise.com.

## ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES:

**Acolytes:** Sellick Wallin, Caroline Culbertson, Cameron Kitts, and Cornelius Kandakai

### **Pew Volunteers:**

8:30: David Hudson

10:45: Dianne & Lee Everett

### **Welcome Desk Volunteers:**

8:30: Julie Clark

## WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Please register your attendance on the Ritual of Friendship pad.

 ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE - ASK USHERS FOR ASSISTANCE.

## NURSERY & FIRST KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Check-in is in the Children's hallway.

## WORSHIP INFORMATION:

**THE VINE WORSHIP SERVICE (10:45 A.M.):** REV. DR. WILL LAUDERBACK  
**SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE (5:00 P.M.):** REV. BARRY KIDWELL

- **10:45 a.m. service telecast on Channel 12, WDEF-TV:** 11:30 a.m. Sundays & 12:35 a.m. Mondays
- Visitors please stop by the Visitor Information Desk in the Narthex.

## WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY AS OF NOON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH

**REHAB:** Martha Houser

**HOSPICE:** Pat Panter

## SUMMER CHOIR

It's almost time for summer choir! Join us on Sundays, **July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and August 2nd and 9th. Meet in the choir room at 10:15 a.m.** to prepare for the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Children (with an adult), youth and adults are welcome!

## CELEBRATING PASTOR BARRY

Join us on Sunday, **June 28th, following the 10:45 a.m. service** for a Retirement Reception honoring Pastor Barry. Stop by **the Bridge** as we celebrate and express our gratitude for his years of service to our church family.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship  
 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor  
 10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship  
 10:45 a.m. - The Vine Worship  
 3:30 p.m. - Costa Rica Trip Meeting  
 4:30 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth  
 5:00 p.m. - PCS Walk at the Greenway  
 5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Worship  
 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Meal

### MONDAY, JUNE 22ND

8:00 a.m. - Centenary Summer Camp  
 9:00 a.m. - VBS  
 12:15 p.m. - Youth Triple P

### TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD

8:00 a.m. - Centenary Summer Camp  
 9:00 a.m. - VBS  
 10:00 a.m. - PCS Charley's Coffee Talk

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH

8:00 a.m. - Centenary Summer Camp  
 9:00 a.m. - VBS  
 4:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Youth

### THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH

8:00 a.m. - Centenary Summer Camp  
 9:00 a.m. - VBS

### FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH

8:00 a.m. - Centenary Summer Camp  
 9:00 a.m. - VBS  
 5:30 p.m. - PCS Dinner at Applebees

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH

12:00 p.m. - fcCollege Ocoee Rafting



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### YOUTH TRIPLE P

Triple P is back! Join us **tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** for a day of adventure. Students will **meet at the Student Center** before heading out, so come ready for a great time and bring a friend along! **For more information, contact Tori at [tcrook@firstcentenary.com](mailto:tcrook@firstcentenary.com).**

### FCCOLLEGE OCOEE RAFTING

Join the College Ministry for an exciting day on the river as we head to Ocoee for white water rafting on **June 27th!** We'll **meet at the church at 12:00 p.m.** and carpool over. The cost is \$10 and lunch is included for everyone. **Be sure to RSVP by contacting Kirsten at [kshipp@firstcentenary.com](mailto:kshipp@firstcentenary.com).**



## NEW MEMBERS COMMENDATION

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**Congregation:** We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the First-Centenary congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

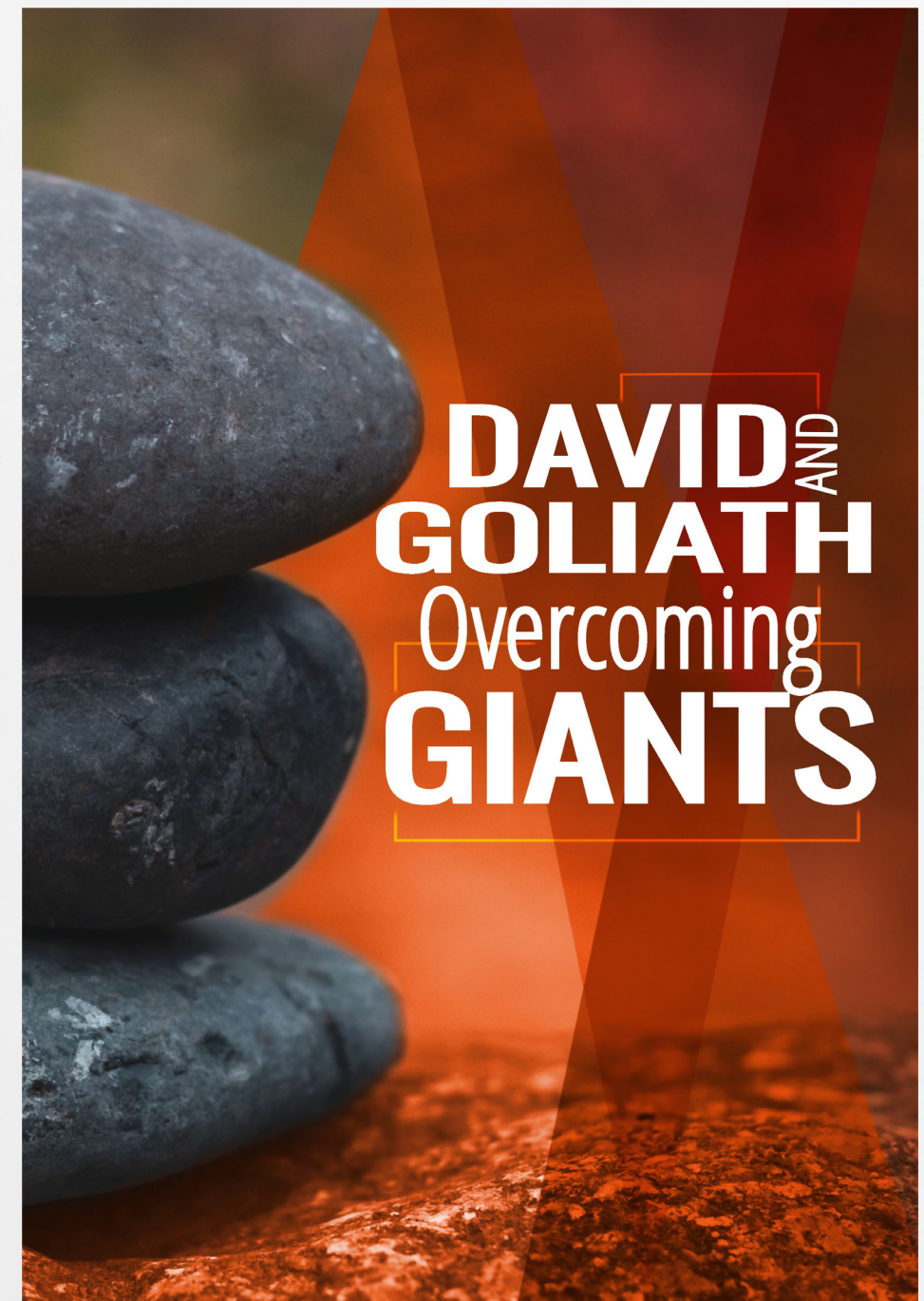
## CHURCH STAFF

**JASON GATTIS** Senior Minister  
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**ELLEN WARD** First Kids Children's Ministry Director  
**TROY WOOD** Facilities

JUNE 21, 2026

8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.



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## WAYS TO GIVE:

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**MAIL**                      **BANK DRAFT**

