



A Service of Remembrance

Arkansas Annual Conference
June 20, 2025 | 1:30pm
Hot Springs, AR

Order of Worship

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Conference Musicians

GREETING

Bishop Laura Merrill

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Reginald Russell

The scrapbooks of our lives are filled with the pictures of saints

Those who have led us, shepherded us, taught us, and loved us.

We turn each page remembering the Sunday mornings when the sun would beam through the stained glass windows, and the hymns sounded like angels singing.

The memories flood our minds as we call each of their names.

Let us step into this space and time to celebrate the saints who have joined the Church Triumphant this year. Clergy and spouses of the Arkansas Conference who answered the call, "Here I am Lord, send me."

We give thanks for their faithfulness and generosity of Spirit.

We worship the God who called them!

+ OPENING HYMN

Victory in Jesus

UMH #370

+ OPENING PRAYER

Kim Mullins

**Holy God, we give you thanks for the lives
of those who have pointed us toward you.**

Those who led us in quiet humility.

Those who preached life-changing sermons.

**Those who baptized our babies, married us,
and celebrated the lives of those we loved and lost.**

It was your still, small voice that called them.

It was in the name of Jesus that they preached the Good News.

**And it was in the power of the Holy Spirit
that they had the perseverance to continue to serve.**

Now, in this time, we feel your presence to strengthen us in remembering.

In the holy name of Jesus, Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-7

Brenda Norwood

INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER

Bishop Laura Merrill

SERMON

Our Way, Our Truth, Our Life

Rev. Jaimie Alexander

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Bishop Merrill

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit as you are able as the names of those you
have known and loved are read.*

Aaron Barling	Larry Goza	Robert O'Nale
Nell Barling	Ralph Hemund	Marie Poarch
John Collier	Travis Jackson	George Rhoads
Gerald "Jerry" Collins	Mary Jones	William "Paw Paw" Robinson, Jr.
J. Earl "Judge" Coker	Richard "Dick" Leach	Gene Ross
James "David" Crooks	Vaughn Marsden	Alzean Stewart
Aelisa Darling	Jerry Matthew	Vondala Trout
Cynthia "Cindy" Davis	Mardell McClurkin	Bennie Warner
Kenneth Dunn	Patricia "Diane" Miller	Harmon Whitehurst
Donald "Don" Eubanks	Larry Morris	Richard Wilke
Phillip "Phil" Fitzhugh	Barbara Mulkey	Sharon Wilson
Roger Glover	Louis Mulkey	

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

INVITATION

Bishop Merrill

CONFESSION & PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING

Rev. Aaron Miller

The Offering will go to 200,000 More Reasons. You are invite to give as the baskets are passed or give online at arumc.org/give.

OFFERTORY

When We All Get to Heaven
Rev. LaToya Shepherd, Soloist

UMH #701

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

You are invited to partake in Holy Communion at the communion stations, served by clergy being licensed, commissioned, and ordained this year.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Russell

God of comfort, stand with us now as we remember in thankfulness the faithful whose living has inspired us. Remind us that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, shall ever separate us from your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We ask that you bless us now As we remember the vibrant lives of those who are now with you until that time when we are reunited in once more in your presence. Amen

SENDING FORTH

+ CLOSING HYMN

I'll Fly Away

TFWS #2282

+ BENEDICTION

Bishop Laura Merrill

As we remember those we have lost this year, we celebrate the mission and ministry of all the churches they served: from each corner of the conference, from the largest, to the smallest, in every city, town, and gravel road.

Worship Participants

Bishop Laura Merrill | Resident Bishop of Arkansas Episcopal Area
Rev. Jaimie Alexander | Texarkana First United Methodist Church
Rev. Reginald Russell | Gardner Memorial and Amboy United Methodist Churches
Kim Mullins | First United Methodist Church (Hope)
Rev. LaToya Shepherd | Mission United Methodist Church (Fort Smith)
Rev. Aaron Miller | First United Methodist Church (Hamburg)
Brenda Norwood | St. Paul United Methodist Church (Maumelle)
Communion Servers | The 2025 Ordinands, Provisionals, and Licensed Clergy

Musicians

GUITAR | David Williams, St. James United Methodist Church (Little Rock)
PIANO | Laura Watkins, Cornerstone United Methodist Church (Jonesboro)
ORGAN | Rodney Cummings, St Mark Baptist Church (Little Rock)
PERCUSSION | Adam Watkins, Cornerstone United Methodist Church (Jonesboro)
VOCALISTS | Rev. LaToya Shepherd, Mission United Methodist Church (Fort Smith) |
Rev. Danita Waller-Paige, St. James United Methodist church (Pine Bluff) & UAPB Wesley |
Godistruth Umeakuekwe, UAPB Wesley Foundation

Worship Notes

The names read and remembered are names of clergy and clergy spouses who entered the Church Triumphant between June 5, 2024 and June 1, 2025.

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