



## **Welcome to Worship**

Rev. David Fleming

### **Act of Praise – “In Christ Alone”**

Lowella Cherry, piano

### **Children’s Sermon**

Ellen Clements

### **Scripture Reading – John 15:1-8**

Brenda Matthews

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.*”

## Hymn – “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

David Fleming and Mary Tom Taylor, vocals; Lowella Cherry, piano

## Sermon – “Draw Me Nearer: Sanctifying Grace”

Rev. David Fleming



**Please Register Your Attendance** – Please use the following link to let us know you were watching: <http://tiny.cc/gx39nz>. Prayer requests, questions, and comments may also be communicated confidentially using this form.

**Ways to Give** – Your continued support means that we remain spiritually connected even during this time of social distancing. We are offering opportunities for worship and study online as well as cooked meals and groceries for those in need. You may give in any of the following ways:

- Online at [gaumch.org](http://gaumch.org). Click on “Support Our Ministry” or use the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ya39nz>
- By mail, sending your check to 841 Quapaw Ave. / Hot Springs, AR 71901
- By bringing a donation of money or food to the church office (841 Quapaw Ave.) Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon or 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**Feed the Need** – Our Outreach Ministry is collecting canned fruit for April and canned vegetables for May. Place gifts-in-kind in baskets near the Sanctuary and Church Office, or make a donation by marking your check “for Outreach.”

**Sign up now for Sanctuary Flowers in 2024** – A new flower calendar for 2024 is now in the church office. If you would like to place flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion, contact Chris in the office (501-623-5626) to add your name to your choice of date. The cost of the flowers is \$40.00.

**Smoked Meat Sale Sponsored by Men’s Ministry** – Our United Methodist Men are sponsoring a fundraiser, selling smoked Boston Butts for \$40. The meat will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, May 11. Profits will provide tuition scholarships for school children in Haiti. Tickets are available beginning this week from

participating UMM members; orders will also be taken following worship for the next two Sundays.

**Arts In the Park presents IBLA Foundation  
Monday, April 29, 6 PM**

The IBLA Foundation in New York City organizes annual music competitions for pianists, singers, instrumentalists, and composers in Ragusa Ibla, Italy. Winners have been presented in prestigious venues such as Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center Alice Tully Hall, Kioi Hall, and Tokyo Opera City Hall in Japan; and, for one night only, they will perform at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 841 Quapaw Ave.



***The church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until noon. Phone (501) 623-5626; email [grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grand.avenue@sbcglobal.net)***