

STEWARDSHIP & COMMUNION
October 1, 2023 ~ 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We fulfill our Mission to “make disciples for Jesus Christ”
by following our Pathway:
**Living our faith. Nurturing families.
Serving our communities.**

*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Michele Murray
“He Hideth My Soul” arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP Sharon McNabney
“Bucket List Bingo”

**ALL: Generous God, help us remember that you are
the reason we have what we have. May we
put you at the top of our Bucket List.**

* HYMN “My Jesus, I Love Thee” #172
1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ally Hall
Children remain in worship.

LIVING OUR FAITH Photos on screen
OUR STORY Chris Taylor
PRAYER

OFFERING TO GOD Rev. Boruff
INVITATION
OFFERTORY Joyful Sound
“I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

*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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM “Faithfulness” Joyful Sound

*GOSPEL Karen Ambler
Luke 16:10-13 (NLT)

¹⁰ “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in
large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you

won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. ¹¹ And if
you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will
trust you with the true riches of heaven? ¹² And if you
are not faithful with other people’s things, why should
you be trusted with things of your own? ¹³ “No one can
serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the
other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”
This is God’s Word for God’s people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON When We Get It Right
Jim Ault & Rev. Boruff

HYMN “Freely, Freely” #389
God gives us life in Jesus' name
he lives in us in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to.
Refrain:
He said 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
May the God of generosity be with you!
And also with you!
People of God, open your hearts to the One who has
blessed you beyond imagination.
**We open our very being to the God who always
surprises us with blessings.**
When you could have been stingy in those first days,
Imaginative God, you poured all that was in your heart
into the silence and emptiness of chaos. Rivers rushed to
the seas, mountains stretched toward the skies, animals
danced in clovered fields, life sprang forth in every
corner of the universe. You crafted all this goodness and
beauty for your children created in your image that they
might enjoy your gifts forever. But the empty promises
of temptation sounded better to us, and the glitter of sin
and death blinded us. When nothing else could get our
attention, you sent Jesus to us, bring redemption and
forgiveness to wrap around our broken lives. So, with
those who have received your blessings in every age and
place, with those who seek to be stewards here and now,
we join our voices in praise to you:
**Holy, holy, holy, God of extravagant love. All
creation is filled to overflowing with your gifts.
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who
comes bearing your blessings to us. Hosanna in the
highest!**

You are generous to a fault, Gracious God, with your
greatest gift being Jesus Christ our Lord. You sent him
into our midst, so we might know that your love has no

limits. When you could have demanded that we give
back everything we had received from you, you sent
your most precious self, that we might be reconciled
to you once and for all. As we remember the Gift we
will celebrate once again its mystery:
**Christ died, the blessing which destroyed sin;
Christ arose, the gift which conquered death;
Christ will come again, the treasure of your
kingdom on earth.**
Your Spirit is that gift that is poured out upon the
Bread and the Cup every time we gather at your
Table. As your goodness and life flow through the
very depths of our souls, we do no hold-tight to these
gifts, but as your good and faithful stewards, offer
them back to you so all may be filled and rejoice in
your blessings. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER (unison)
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the
glory forever. Amen.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
All are welcome to receive Christ’s gift.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
HYMN “On Eagle’s Wings” #143
And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God’s hand. (Repeat)

RESPONSE
We have been reminded to offer ourselves, our lives,
our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours to
God’s work.
**We commit ourselves to work for your world, to
love and serve wherever Christ calls. Lead us
Lord!**

MUSIC FOR SENDING Michele Murray
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Mark Hayes

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Weekly Prayer Requests

- Pray for the children & staff at Gateway Childcare Teachers

Announcements

- **COMMUNION:** All are welcome to receive Christ’s gift of Communion. There are three ways to receive the bread and cup: 1. Kneeling at the altar, 2. Station on floor level, and 3. At your seat with pre-packaged elements (available at each sanctuary entrance).
- **GUESTS:** All guests have a gift waiting for you at the Welcome Table near the lodge. We are glad you are here today. Let us know how we can help you.
- 198 meals were served at Community Café last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community. If you are interested in participating in this food ministry, contact Pastor Corinne Boruff at (317) 902-1834.
- **PRAYER:** Every Sunday morning at 11:20-11:30 Pastor Corinne will be in the Chapel for a time to pray for those who will be (prayerfully) joining AFUMC in the near future. No experience needed. Only an openness to God’s will.
- **DEFYING GRAVITY:** During this worship series we continue our journey to examine what holds us back from being and giving our best.

We give thanks for today’s:

Ushers: Steve Seybert, Tim Kline, Cliff Ambler, Jerry Hardacre, Dick Hines

Greeters: Ron and Sharon McNabney, Nina Kline

Fellowship Time: Tom and Ann Cullop

First United Methodist Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Corinne Boruff
Director of Family Ministry: Ally Hall
Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger
Pianist: Michele Murray
Finance: Gene Brueggen
Program Support Coordinator: Kathy Kean
Communications Coordinator: Peg Peter

Production Director: Matt Stout
Outreach Coordinators: Dave and Susan Shelby
Digital Communications: Matt and Erin Stout
Security: Richard Falkenberry
Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassiday and Mark Murray
Custodians: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

Weekly Schedule

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| Sun 10/1 | | | |
| 10:00 am | Worship | Sanctuary | Downtown |
| 10:00 am | Soccer | | Davis Park |
| 11:20 am | Prayer | Chapel | Downtown |
| 2:00 pm | Worship | | Primrose |
| 4:30 pm | Community Cafe | Fellowship Hall | Downtown |
| Mon 10/2 | | | |
| 10:00 am | Grief Share | North/South Parlor | Downtown |
| 5:00 pm | Exercise Class | | Davis Park |
| 6:00 pm | Big Book Study | East/West Parlor | Downtown |
| Tues 10/3 | | | |
| 9:00 am | Tuesday Sew Day | Fellowship Hall | Downtown |
| 10:00 am | Staff Meeting | North/South | Downtown |
| 4:00 pm | AAYC | | Downtown |
| 6:00 pm | Girl Scouts | Youth Area | Downtown |
| Wed 10/4 | | | |
| 8:00 am | Rotary | North/South | Downtown |
| 3:00 pm | Coffee with Corinne | | Facebook |
| 5:00 pm | Exercise Class | | Davis Park |
| 6:00 pm | Wesley Bells | | Downtown |
| 6:25 pm | Children’s Choir | | Downtown |
| 7:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir | Choir Room | Downtown |
| Thurs 10/5 | | | |
| 10:00 am | Friendship Circle | North/South | Downtown |
| 1:00 pm | Bible Study Circle | North/South | Downtown |
| Fri 10/6 Church Office Closes at Noon | | | |
| 9:00 am | Friday Bible Study | North/South | Downtown |
| 12:00 pm | Downtown Devotion | | Facebook |
| Sat 10/7 | | | |
| 10:00 am | YMCA Soccer | | Davis Park |
| 10:00 am | AA meeting | North/South | Downtown |
| Sun 10/8 | | | |
| 10:00 am | Worship | Sanctuary | Downtown |
| 11:20 am | Chapel Prayer | Chapel | Downtown |
| 9:00 am | Soccer | | Davis Park |
| 2:00 pm | Worship | | Primrose |
| 4:30 pm | Food @ First | Narthex | Downtown |



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FAITH FIRST. FAMILIES FIRST. ANDERSON FIRST.



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