

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY COMMUNION  
April 7, 2024 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME Mary Brown

\*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Arrows of the Almighty

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Mendenhall  
inspired by Psalm 98

ONE: What great joy we have!

ALL: **Our Lord is risen!**

ONE: Believe with your whole heart in the miracle of resurrection.

ALL: **We open our hearts to the good news of God's faithfulness to us.**

ONE: Hallelujah!

ALL: **Hallelujah!**

\* HYMN "He Lives"

1. I serve a risen Savior He's in the world today  
I know that He is living Whatever foes may say  
I see His hand of mercy I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near

Refrain:

He lives He lives Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me Along life's narrow way  
He lives, He lives Salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives He lives within my heart

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading Through all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing Will come at last. (Refrain)

3. Rejoice rejoice O Christian Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs To Jesus Christ the King  
The Hope of all who seek Him The Help of all who find  
None other is so loving So good and kind. (Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ally Hall

OFFERING TO GOD

WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY Al Rowley  
OFFERTORY Arrows of the Almighty

\*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 Al Rowley

ANTHEM Arrows of the Almighty

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mary Brown

\*SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 (NRSV) Mary Brown

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is God's Word for God's people today.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Room to Doubt" Rev. Dale Mendenhall

HYMN "Breathe On Me Breath of God"

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love,  
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Mendenhall

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

**"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

**"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and

we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (unison)

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*All are welcome to receive Christ's gift.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Mendenhall

**MUSIC FOR SENDING**

Arrows of the Almighty

**\*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 children & staff at Gateway Childcare:

**Announcements**

- GUESTS:** Welcome and Blessed Easter! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- YOUR GIVING:** Your giving continues our daily ministries. You are invited to give during Sunday morning worship, online at [www.andersonfirst.org/GIVE](http://www.andersonfirst.org/GIVE), through the mail or whatever way is most convenient for you. Your stewardship of time, talents and treasures make an eternal difference.
- FOOD@FIRST:** 84 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- SUPPORT THE VICTORIA GUILD:** Saturday, April 22, from 5-7:30 pm the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a special chicken fry to benefit the Victoria Guild of Ascension St. Vincent. Adult meals, \$12; Children's: \$6
- THE ANDREW PARADIGM:** Join Joe Snyder and learn what to do with the Good News of Easter! Begins April 3- May 6 at 6 p.m. in the NS Parlor. Let us be the Easter people Christ calls us to be!
- MEMBERSHIP PREPARATION:** All who want to explore membership at Anderson First UMC and those ready to make a commitment are invited to Lunch and Conversation on Sunday, April 21 at 11:30-1 p.m. in the NS Parlor with your pastor. PLEASE RSVP
- J.O.Y. LUNCH:** April 19 at 11:30. The history of this unique art and a demonstration by Kaye Judt will be the program. Make your reservation by Wed. April 17 by notifying the church office, 765-643-6977.
- Cost of the meal is \$12 per person and is paid upon arrival.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sun 4/7

10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Area	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Café		Downtown

### Mon 4/8 Church Office Closed

8:00 am	Memory Care	North/South	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass		Downtown

### Tues 4/9

9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
4:30 pm	AAYC Rehearsals		Downtown
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

### Wed 4/10

8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
8:00 am	Energy Assistance	Door #2	Downtown
8:30 am	Helping hands Pantry	Door #3	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	First Kids		Downtown
6:00 pm	Andrew Paradigm Study	North/South	Downtown
6:00 pm	Wesley Bells		Downtown
6:25 pm	Children's Choir		Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Downtown

### Thurs 4/11

6:30 pm	Liberty Christian Concert	Sanctuary	Downtown
6:30 pm	Hobby Club	Conference Room	Downtown

### Fri 4/12 Church Office Closes at noon

9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook

### Sat 4/13

10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South	Downtown
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### Sun 4/14

10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food @ First		Downtown

We give thanks for:

Ushers:  
Greeters:  
Coffee Hosts:



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Pastor: Corinne Boruff  
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall  
Ministers: Congregation