

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
April 14, 2024 – 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**

Susan Finger

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of  
God’s love!

**ALL: We are called to be Easter people!**

ONE: Darkness cannot claim us!

**ALL: Fear cannot bind us!**

ONE: Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!**

**\*HYMN** “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” #304

1. Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;  
heavenly music, let it ring:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Easter people, let us sing.

2. Fear of death can no more stop us  
from our pressing here below.  
For our Risen Lord empowers us  
to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.  
When the cares of life o'erwhelm us,  
Easter people, sing this song:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Everlasting triumph song.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Kayleigh Juillerat  
Children’s Ministry Worker

**INVITATION TO KIDS WORSHIP**

Children ages 3 yrs. old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to  
First Kids.

**OFFERING TO GOD**

**INVITATION  
OFFERTORY**

Rev. Boruff

Sanctuary Choir

“Let Everything that has Breath Praise the Lord”

**\*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**

Rev. Boruff

**ANTHEM**

“Come to Me”

Sanctuary Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sharon McNabney

**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.**

**\*GOSPEL** Luke 24:35-48 (NLT) Sharon McNabney

<sup>35</sup> Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how  
Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along  
the road, and how they had recognized him as he was  
breaking the bread.<sup>36</sup> And just as they were telling about  
it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among  
them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>37</sup> But the whole  
group was startled and frightened, thinking they were  
seeing a ghost! <sup>38</sup> “Why are you frightened?” he  
asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt? <sup>39</sup> Look at  
my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really  
me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost,  
because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I  
do.” <sup>40</sup> As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his  
feet. <sup>41</sup> Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy  
and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have  
anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of  
broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he ate it as they watched. <sup>44</sup> Then he  
said, “When I was with you before, I told you that  
everything written about me in the law of Moses and the  
prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he  
opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And  
he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah  
would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third  
day. <sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be  
proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the  
nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of  
sins for all who repent.’ <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all these  
things.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN** “Surely the Presence of the Lord” #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings.  
I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. (Repeat)

**SERMON**

Ghost Stories

Rev. Boruff

**HYMN**

“Christ Is Alive”

#318

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

3. Not throned above, remotely high, untouched,  
unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior with the Father reigns.

6. Christ is alive, and comes  
to bring good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,  
with justice, love, and praise.

**RESPONSE**

May the God of Surprises delight you, inviting you to  
accept gifts not yet imagined.

**May the God of Transformation call us, opening  
us to continual renewal.**

May the God of Welcoming invite you, drawing you  
nearer to the fullness of God’s expression in you.

**God Who is present be with us is awakening us  
to Jesus in all things, all people, and all  
moments. Praise God!**

**MUSIC OF SENDING**

Susan Finger

Fanfare and Statement on “Llanfair”

**\*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. 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.
- **COMMUNITY CAFE:** 77 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **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.
- The Men’s Breakfast will meet on Saturday, April 20 at 8:00 am at Primrose. DeWayne Landwehr will be presenting the program

### First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger	Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout
Pianist: Michele Murray	Security: Richard Falkenberry
Finance: Gene Brueggen	Sound Technicians: Sharon Kyle, Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy, Mark Murray
Program Support Coordinator: Kathy Kean	Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull
Communications Coordinator: Peg Peter	
Production Director: Matt Stout	

We give thanks for:

Ushers: Bill Kahle, Dorinda Cassidy, Richard Cassidy, Bob Ballenger  
 Greeters: Becky Ball, Kay McConnell, Kaylynn McConnell  
 Coffee Hosts: Debbie Millikan

# Weekly Schedule

<b>Sun 4/14</b>			
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food @ First		Downtown
<b>Mon 4/15</b>			
11:00 am	FUMC Buddy Bag Pack	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
1:00 pm	AARP	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
<b>Tues 4/16</b>			
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
4:30 pm	AACC Rehearsals		Downtown
5:15 pm	AACC Small choir	Room 220	Downtown
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
<b>Wed 4/17</b>			
8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	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
<b>Thurs 4/18</b>			
<b>Fri 4/19 Church Office Closes at noon</b>			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South	Downtown
11:30 am	J.O.Y. Lunch	North/South	Downtown
11:30 am	FUMC Buddy Bag Delivery		
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
<b>Sat 4/20</b>			
8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast	Primrose	
10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South	Downtown
<b>Sun 4/21</b>			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Area	Downtown
11:30 am	Membership Class	North/South	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe		Downtown



## First United Methodist

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April 14, 2024 ~ 10 a.m.

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