

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 28, 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**

I Believe by Mark Miller

AAYC

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Christ has no body but ours,

**ALL: No hands, no feet on earth but ours,**

ONE: Ours are the eyes with which he looks with  
compassion on this world,

**ALL: Ours are the feet with which he walks to  
do good,**

ONE: Ours are the hands, with which he blesses all  
the world.

**ALL: We are the Body of Christ!**

**\*HYMN**

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

#419

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith  
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.

3. O the pure delight of a single hour  
that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend! (Refrain)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Ally Hall

**INVITATION TO KIDS WORSHIP**

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

**OFFERING TO GOD**

**CARILLON MINISTRY  
OFFERTORY**

“Unity” by Glorraine B. Moone and Freddie Washington

Charlie Jones

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**\*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**

Charlie Jones

**ANTHEM**

“May the Road Rise Up” by Jay Rouse

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Karen Ambler

**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.**

**NEW TESTAMENT**

Karen Ambler

1 John 4:7-17 (MSG)

<sup>7-10</sup> My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other  
since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born  
of God and experiences a relationship with God. The  
person who refuses to love doesn’t know the first thing  
about God, because God *is* love—so you can’t know him  
if you don’t love. This is how God showed his love for us:  
God sent his only Son into the world so we might live  
through him. This is the kind of love we are talking  
about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that  
he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away  
our sins and the damage they’ve done to our relationship  
with God.<sup>11-12</sup> My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like  
this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has  
seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells  
deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—  
perfect love!<sup>13-16</sup> This is how we know we’re living  
steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He’s given us  
life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we’ve  
seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the  
Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. Everyone who  
confesses that Jesus is God’s Son participates  
continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We  
know it so well, we’ve embraced it heart and soul, this  
love that comes from God.<sup>17</sup> God is love. When we take  
up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God  
and God lives in us.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus thou art all compassion,

pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

**SERMON**

More Than a Bumper Sticker

Rev. Boruff

**HYMN**

“Here I Am, Lord”

593

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Who shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord. If You lead me.

I will hold, Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne My people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they run away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them.

Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

**RESPONSE**

The Gospel in one word is “Love.”

**With God’s help, I will love God and my  
neighbor as God loves me! Praise God!**

**MUSIC OF SENDING**

“Sunny Side of the Street”

AAYC

by Jimmy McHugh and Dorothy Fields, arranged by Rosana Eckert

**\*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:** 92 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- SUMMER SCHEDULE:** On May 26 we begin our summer worship schedule which includes different times and locations. 9 a.m. Worship is at Davis Park (outside); 10:45 a.m. Worship is in N.S. Parlor (downtown).
- CHOIR SUNDAY:** On May 5 our worship service will be filled with the amazing music of all our many choirs and instrumentalist. Praise God through beautiful and inspirational music!

### First United Methodist Staff:

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

Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout  
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 Sound Technicians: Sharon Kyle, Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy, Mark Murray  
 Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

We give thanks for:

**Ushers:** Kathy Kean, Dale Mendenhall, Debbie Millikan, Johanne Coleson

**Greeters:** Betsey Bachman, Charlie and Miriam Jones

**Coffee Hosts:** Mary Falkenberry

# Weekly Schedule

## Sun 4/28

10:00 am	Hispanic Soccer		Davis Park
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
3:00 pm	Alpha Brass concert	Sanctuary	Downtown
4:30 pm	Food @ First		Downtown

## Mon 4/29

5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown

## Tues 4/30

9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
4:30 pm	AAYC Rehearsals		Downtown
5:15 pm	AACC small choir	Room 220	Downtown
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

## Wed 5/1

8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
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 5/2

9:00 am	Redbud Quilt Guild	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
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## Fri 5/3 Church Office Closes at noon

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

## Sat 5/4

9:00 am	Y Soccer		Davis Park
10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South	Downtown

## Sun 5/5

10:00 am	Hispanic Soccer		Davis Park
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe		Downtown



## First United Methodist

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Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall  
Ministers: Congregation