

ASCENSION SUNDAY  
MOTHER'S DAY  
May 12, 2024 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Susan Finger  
"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Today is to honor mothers and to remember Jesus. This is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

ALL: **We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!**

ONE: But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

ALL: **Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.**

ONE: Let's get to work!

ALL: **Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise! Amen!**

\*HYMN

"He Lives" #310

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  
arrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within  
my heart.

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)

TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

Andrew & Jaimie Boruff

ONE: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

ALL: **Thank God for mothers!**

ONE: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

ALL: **Thank God for my mother!**

ONE: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

ALL: **Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

ONE: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

ALL: **Thank God for the mothers of today.**

ONE: For all the women who are expecting, but

aren't quite mothers yet!

ALL: **Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

ONE: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

ALL: **Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

ONE: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

ALL: **Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

ONE: For all the women who have wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

ALL: **Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

ONE: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

ALL: **We pray that our lives will honor them and our God in everything we do and say. Amen.**

MUSICAL TRIBUTE

"Happy the Home When God is There" #445

1. Happy the home when God is there,  
and love fills every breast; when one their wish,  
and one their prayer, and one their heavenly rest.

2. Happy the home where  
Jesus' name is sweet to every ear;  
where children early speak his fame,  
and parents hold him dear.

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

COMMUNION MINISTRY

Francie Seybert

OFFERTORY "The Unclouded Day"

Wesley Bells

\*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

Francie Seybert

ANTHEM

"He Leadeth Me"

Wesley Bells

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Dick Falkenberry

\*GOSPEL John 17:13-19 (NLT)

Dick Falkenberry

<sup>13</sup> "Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word. And

the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

<sup>15</sup> I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to this world any more than I do. <sup>17</sup> Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. <sup>18</sup> Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

\*NEW TESTAMENT Acts 1:3-11 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. <sup>5</sup> John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup> So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. <sup>10</sup> As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"

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

**Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" #162

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

4. Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

SERMON

Power, Promise, and Presence Rev. Boruff

HYMN

"Rise Up, O Saints of God" #576

1. Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things.

Give heart and mind and soul  
and strength to serve the King of kings.

3. Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,  
her strength unequal to her task;  
rise up and make her great!

4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread  
where his feet have trod.

As family of the Son of Man, rise up, O saints of God!

### RESPONSE

Just as we each have a mother to love us, we all have  
a Savior in Jesus Christ who loves us more than what  
is humanly possible.

**We have much to celebrate today and every day**

### MUSIC OF SENDING

Wesley Bells  
"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

### \*BENEDICTION

*\*Please stand as you are able*

Those who "mother" us, please accept our gift as a token  
of our Love & Appreciation.  
Happy Mother's Day!

## WELCOME

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

## Announcements

- **GUESTS:** Welcome. There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **COMMUNITY CAFE:** 98 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 North South Parlor (downtown).
- **PENTECOST:** May 19 we will celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst who gave us the birth of the church. Wear RED — color for the Holy Spirit!
- **FAMILY MINISTRY SHOWCASE:** May 19 at 11:15 our amazing children will offer their talents to entertain and inspire you. Be sure to stay that morning and support the children of Anderson First UMC.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sun 5/12

|          |              |           |            |
|----------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| 10:00 am | Hisp Soccer  |           | Davis Park |
| 10:00 am | Worship      | Sanctuary | Downtown   |
| 2:00 pm  | Worship      |           | Primrose   |
| 4:30 pm  | Food @ First |           | Downtown   |

### Mon 5/13

|         |                   |             |            |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| 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 5/14

|          |                 |                    |          |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| 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 5/15

|         |                        |             |            |
|---------|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| 8:00 am | Rotary                 | North/South | Downtown   |
| 3:00 pm | Coffee with Corinne    |             | Facebook   |
| 5:00 pm | Exercise Class         |             | Davis Park |
| 6:00 pm | General Conference mtg | North/South | Downtown   |

### Thurs 5/16

|          |             |           |          |
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| 10:00 am | UMW meeting | East/West | Downtown |
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### Fri 5/17 Church Office closes at noon

|          |                   |             |          |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|----------|
| 9:00 am  | Bible Study       | North/South | Downtown |
| 11:30 am | JOY lunch         | North/South | Downtown |
| 12:00 pm | Downtown Devotion |             | Facebook |

### Sat 5/18

|          |                 |             |            |
|----------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| 8:00 am  | Men's Breakfast | Primrose    |            |
| 9:00 am  | Y Soccer        |             | Davis Park |
| 10:00 am | AA Meeting      | North/South | Downtown   |

### Sun 5/19

|          |                          |                 |            |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 9:00 am  | Trustees Meeting         | Conference Room | Downtown   |
| 10:00 am | Hisp Soccer              |                 | Davis Park |
| 10:00 am | Worship                  | Sanctuary       | Downtown   |
| 11:15 am | Family Ministry Showcase | Sanctuary       | Downtown   |
| 2:00 pm  | Worship                  |                 | Primrose   |
| 4:30 pm  | Community Café           | Fellowship Hall | Downtown   |

We give thanks for:

**Ushers:** Bill Kahle, Dorinda and Richard Cassiday, Bob Ballenger

**Greeters:** Becky Ball, Kay McConnell, Kaylynn McConnell

**Coffee Hour:** Please consider hosting our coffee hour for our services at Davis Park.



## First United Methodist

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Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall  
Ministers: Congregation