

**FATHER'S DAY
OUTDOOR SERVICE @ DAVIS PARK
June 16, 2024 ~ 9 a.m.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Matt Finger

"Etude in C Major" by Clair Omar Musser

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Great is the Lord!

ALL: **God's greatness is beyond our understanding.**

ONE: Yet God has revealed God's self in Jesus Christ.

ALL: **Through Jesus we have come to know the absolute love of God.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts and praise the Lord!

ALL: **May God continue to bless God's children here and everywhere. Amen!**

***HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;

teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;

love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.

Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;

joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ally Hall

BLESSING FOR FATHERS

Susan Daoust

God of love, today we ask your blessing on all who give their lives with a father's love.

Bless new fathers and wise grandfathers; Bless loving uncles and caring godfathers.

Bless fathers who await the birth of their child with joy;
Bless men who did not expect or want to become fathers.

Bless men who embrace fatherhood through adoption or foster parenting, step-parenting or

single parenthood; Bless men still waiting and hoping to become fathers.

Bless fathers whose work takes them away from their children; Bless fathers whose work is with their children.

Bless fathers who have lost a child; Bless children who have lost their father. Bless all whom we celebrate today.

In the name of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we ask for this blessing upon those who father us.

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Faith of Our Fathers" #710

1. Faith of our fathers, living still,
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Refrain:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too,

as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life.
(Refrain)

OFFERING TO GOD

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Matt Finger

"A Little Prayer" by Evelyn Glennie

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Matt Finger

"Der Kleine Paganini" - Nebojsa Zivkovic

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Brown

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.

OLD TESTAMENT Esther 4:1-15 (NLT) Bill Brown

When Mordecai learned about all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on burlap and ashes, and went out into the city, crying with a loud and bitter wail. ² He went as far as the gate of the palace, for no one was allowed to enter the palace gate while wearing clothes of mourning. ³ And as news of the king's decree reached all the provinces, there was great mourning among the

Jews. They fasted, wept, and wailed, and many people lay in burlap and ashes. ⁴ When Queen Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, she was deeply distressed. She sent clothing to him to replace the burlap, but he refused it. ⁵ Then Esther sent for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed as her attendant. She ordered him to go to Mordecai and find out what was troubling him and why he was in mourning. ⁶ So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the square in front of the palace gate. ⁷ Mordecai told him the whole story, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸ Mordecai gave Hathach a copy of the decree issued in Susa that called for the death of all Jews. He asked Hathach to show it to Esther and explain the situation to her. He also asked Hathach to direct her to go to the king to beg for mercy and plead for her people. ⁹ So Hathach returned to Esther with Mordecai's message. ¹⁰ Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: ¹¹ "All the king's officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days." ¹² So Hathach gave Esther's message to Mordecai. ¹³ Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. ¹⁴ If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" ¹⁵ Then Esther sent a reply to Mordecai...

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Games We Play: Tag – You're It!

Rev. Boruff

HYMN "We've a Story to Tell" #569

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,

who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God. (Refrain)

RESPONSE

We tell others about God's love by,
**Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our
Communities. Praise God!**

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Matt Finger
"The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin

*BENEDICTION

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

**Please stand as you are able.*

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 GRILLE :** 115 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **SUMMER CHALLENGE:** Read a chapter of Acts each weekday June 3–July 8. This is a chance for us to grow together in faith, wisdom and community. Receive the daily reading via email by sending your info to corinne@andersonfirst.org with subject: "Summer Challenge"
- **BLOOD DRIVE:** Save a life with your donation! Wed. June 19 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Downtown East West Parlor. Now is the time to schedule your donation!
- **PRAYER AND PASTRY:** Join Pastor Corinne on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. beginning June 26 for this Max Lucado study while enjoying a dessert. Childcare IS available.
- **JOY LUNCH:** Make your reservation for this special time of fellowship and presentation on June 21 at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Brian Dirck will speak about Abraham Lincoln. Great program!
- **GRIEFSHARE:** Grieving a loss? Join Ron & Carol Watson on Mondays, 10:30-12 in NS. Parlor for 13 sessions of healing. Dates of sessions are June 24-Sept. 23. Contact Carol Watson at (765) 356-2327 for more information.

Weekly Schedule

Sun 6/16

9:00 am	Worship		Davis Park
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
10:45 am	Worship	North/South	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille		Downtown

Mon 6/17

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

Tues 6/18

9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
5:00 pm	Pink Panther Cheer	Gym	Downtown

Wed 6/19

8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
10:00 am	Blood Drive	East/West	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park

Thurs 6/20

5:00 pm	Pink Panther Cheer	Gym	Downtown
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Fri 6/21 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 6/22

10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South	Downtown
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We give thanks for:

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Coffee Hosts:
Musician: Matt Finger



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