

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OUTDOOR SERVICE @ DAVIS PARK  
August 11, 2024 ~ 9 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Mark & Michele Murray

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. James Curnow

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dale Mendenhall

ONE: Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

ALL: **We come as families and friends seeking God's love.**

ONE: God's love is here for each of us.

ALL: **Help us to understand how we are connected to God.**

ONE: We are here to live in Christ Jesus, in love and compassion.

ALL: **May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened because we have a story to tell!**

\*HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#156

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. (Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ally Hall

OFFERING TO GOD

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Mark & Michele Murray

"A Simple Song"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

Mark & Michele Murray

"This is My Father's World/He's Got the Whole World I  
n His Hands" arr. Brant Adams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dale Mendenhall

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.**

\*HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

#707

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er;  
In the seed, an ap-ple tree;  
In co-coons, a hid-den pro-mise:  
Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of win-ter  
There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed un-til its sea-son,  
Something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence,  
Seeking word and me-lo-dy;  
There's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness,  
Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the fu-ture;  
What it holds, a mys-te-ry,  
Unrevealed un-til its sea-son,  
Something God alone can see.

\*GOSPEL

Rev. Dale Mendenhall

John 1:35-51 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup> The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!"

<sup>37</sup> When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> "Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day. <sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"). <sup>42</sup> Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter"). <sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." <sup>44</sup> Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. <sup>45</sup> Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth."

<sup>46</sup> "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. <sup>47</sup> As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity." <sup>48</sup> "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you." <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." <sup>51</sup> Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth."

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

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Friends: One Leads to Another

Rev. Boruff

HYMN

"Pass It On"

#572

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love.  
Once you've experienced it,  
You spread the love to everyone. You want to pass it on.

3, I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found.

You can depend on God,

It matters not where you're bound.

I'll shout it from the mountaintop, "Praise God!"

I want the world to know

The Lord of Love has come to me.

I want to pass it on.

RESPONSE

We are expressing God's contagious love when we are:

**Living our Faith, Nurturing Families and Serving our Communities. Amen!**

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Mark & Michele Murray

"Be Thou My Vision" arr. James Curnow

\*BENEDICTION

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# Weekly Schedule



**First United Methodist**  
 FAITH FIRST. FAMILIES FIRST. ANDERSON FIRST.



## WELCOME

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- We offer our love and sympathy to Rosamond Scott and family upon the death of husband Raymond on Aug. 2.

### 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:** 129 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP** will meet Saturday, August 17 at 8:00 am at Primrose. Ron Autrey from Friends of Madison County, will be the speaker.
- J.O.Y. LUNCH:** Friday August 16 at 11:30 am in the North/South Parlor. Karen Leonard, from Operation Love will be the speaker. Please make your lunch reservations by Wednesday, Aug.14.

#### 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 today's:  
 Ushers: Bill Kahle, Richard and Dorinda Cassidy  
 Fellowship Time: Kathy Kean

Sun 8/11			
9:00 AM	Worship		Davis Park
10:45 am	Worship		Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille		Downtown
Mon 8/12			
10:30 am	Griefshare	North/South Parlor	Downtown
1:00 pm	AARP	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
5:00 pm	Summer Reading Challenge Continues	Home Study Reading	
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
Tues 8/13			
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
5:00 pm	AACC Parent's Meeting	Sanctuary	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 8/14			
8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
9:00 am	Energy Assistance	Door # 2	Downtown
9:00 am	Helping Hands Pantry	Door #3	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
Thurs 8/15			
10:00 am	UMW meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Fri 8/16			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
11:30 am	J.O.Y. Lunch	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 8/17			
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Primrose	
10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Sun 8/18			
9:00 am	Worship		Davis Park
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