

**HOLY COMMUNION  
LABOR DAY SUNDAY  
FINAL SUNDAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE  
September 1, 2024 ~ 9 a.m.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GREETING**

**MUSIC FOR GATHERING** Mark & Michele Murray  
"Blessed Assurance" arr. Dan Marvin

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Mary Falkenberry

ONE: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

**ALL: And so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.**

ONE: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

**ALL: We gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.**

ONE: God has called us together; God has called us to be part of a community.

**ALL: God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.**

ONE: In this time together, may God open our hearts, minds and eyes, allowing us to see deeper.

**ALL: Work in us and through us Jesus! Amen!**

**\*HYMN** "All Creature of Our God and King" #172

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam!

O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Ally Hall

**OFFERING TO GOD**

**INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY**

Mark & Michele Murray  
"Near to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Brant Adams

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

Mark & Michele Murray  
"Joshua Swings the Battle" arr. Stephen Bulla

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Mary Falkenberry

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Mary Falkenberry

Exodus 17:9-13 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> Moses commanded Joshua, "Choose some men to go out and fight the army of Amalek for us. Tomorrow, I will stand at the top of the hill, holding the staff of God in my hand." <sup>10</sup> So Joshua did what Moses had commanded and fought the army of Amalek. Meanwhile, Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed to the top of a nearby hill. <sup>11</sup> As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage. <sup>12</sup> Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset. <sup>13</sup> As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Pillar People

Rev. Boruff

**HYMN**

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

#172

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Holy One be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

**We open our hearts to you, O God.**

Let us give thanks to God who takes risks for love.

**For the courage of the Holy that lives in us, we give thanks.**

Throughout history, O God, we have struggled to claim the power you have given us. .... On the night of his arrest, he gathered around table with his companions. His friends. Even the one who would turn him over to the cross. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to all of them and said,

**"This is my body which is given for you. Take, eat, and remember me."**

After the supper, he did the same with the cup, saying,  
**"This is a symbol of the new covenant. Drink in remembrance of me."**

In remembering the life of Jesus, we remember what he

taught us about ourselves .... Through these gifts, fill our hearts with the courage to believe the Kingdom within us, to live boldly in pursuit of love, and to follow the wisdom that leads by following.

**Blessed be this meal of hope. Amen.**

**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.**

**\*SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

*All are welcome to receive Christ's gift.*

*You may come forward to dip a piece of bread into the juice and received the bread and juice at the same time OR you may use prepackaged elements and remain in your seat.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**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.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)

**RESPONSE**

We are lifting others up when we are:

**Living our faith, nurturing families, serving our communities.**

**MUSIC FOR SENDING**

Mark & Michele Murray

"Just A Closer Walk" arr. Fred Mills

**\*BENEDICTION**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# WELCOME

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

## Prayer Requests

- We offer our love and sympathy to Deardra Roesch and family upon the death of Bill Roesch on Aug. 28. Funeral is 6 pm. Sept.3 in Sanctuary.

## 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:** 153 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- NEXT SUNDAY IS RETURN SUNDAY:** Sept. 8 begins one service in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. It promises to be spectacular! Plan to join us for orchestra, choir, congregational bell choir, inspirational worship followed by a **pitch-in meal** with special activities in the parking lot.
- VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTER (VRC) TRAINING:** In conjunction with Madison County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Anderson First UMC will host a VRC training on Wednesday, Sept 11 from 6-8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. **You** are invited to this training!
- GOD-SIGHTINGS:** God is at work everywhere, all the time! Let us know where you are seeing God. Message corinne@andersonfirst.org or peg@andersonfirst.org to be in the Oct. VOICE.
- J.O.Y. LUNCH:** On Sept. 20, Joe Snyder will share with us his work as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer. Join us for at 11:30-1 p.m. Lunch will be provided by the Sorority. Make your reservation **by Wed. Sept. 18** by notifying the church office, 765-643-6977.
- Cost of the meal is \$12 per person and is paid upon arrival. All are welcome!

We give thanks for today's:  
Ushers: Steve Seybert, Jerry Hardacre, Dick Hines  
Fellowship Time: Kathy Kean

### First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger  
Pianist: Michele Murray  
Finance: Gene Brueggen  
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Sound Technicians: Sharon Kyle, Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy, Mark Murray  
Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

# Weekly Schedule

<b>Sun 9/1</b>			
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
<b>Mon 9/2 Labor Day—Church Office Closed</b>			
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
<b>Tues 9/3</b>			
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Book Club	Library	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	Bill Roesch's visitation/funeral	Sanct, Wesley room	Downtown
<b>Wed 9/4</b>			
8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:030 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
<b>Thurs 9/5</b>			
9:30 am	Friendship Bible Study Circle	East/West Parlor	Downtown
<b>Fri 9/6</b>			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
<b>Sat 9/7</b>			
10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
7:00 pm	Chorale Bonfire		Davis Park
<b>Sun 9/8</b>			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
11:15 am	Return Sunday pitch-in	NS parlor, portico	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille	Portico	Downtown



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