

**GOD'S GIFTS TO US
FAMILY MINISTRY
October 6, 2024 ~ 10 a.m.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will inherit God's kingdom when we are like children,
**Living our Faith, Nurturing Families,
Serving our Communities.**

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Brass Quintet

"Prelude on Come Thou Fount"—Robert Curnow

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Vicky Strock

ONE: Come! Dance! Sing! Celebrate the goodness of the Lord!

ALL: God continues to give us such great gifts of love.

ONE: We are made strong in the Lord.

ALL: We are made rich in the Lord.

ONE: God's blessings are lavished on us every minute of every day!

ALL: Come, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***HYMN**

"God of Grace and God of Glory" #577

#577

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ally Hall

**OFFERING TO GOD
INVITATION**

Rev. Boruff

OFFERTORY

Brass Quintet

"Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring"—J.S. Bach/Murray

***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**

ANTHEM

Brass Quintet

"Allegro Moderato"—Victor Ewald

GOD'S GIFT OF FAMILY MINISTRY

video

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Vicky Strock

NEW TESTAMENT

Vicky Strock

Ephesians 3:14-21 (MSG)

¹⁴⁻¹⁹ My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

²⁰⁻²¹ God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God's Gift of Wonder & Glory

Rev. Boruff

HYMN

"What Wonderous Love Is This" #292

#292

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God of generosity be with you!

And also with you!

People of God, open your hearts to the One who has blessed you beyond imagination.

We open our very being to the God who always surprises us with blessings.

When you could have been stingy in those first days, Imaginative God, ... with those who seek to be stewards here and now, we join our voices in praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy, God of extravagant love. All creation is filled to overflowing with your gifts. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes bearing your blessings to us. Hosanna in the highest!

You are generous to a fault, Gracious God, ... that we might be reconciled to you once and for all. As we remember the Gift we will celebrate once again its mystery:

Christ died, the blessing which destroyed sin; Christ arose, the gift which conquered death; Christ will come again, the treasure of your kingdom on earth.

Your Spirit is that gift that is poured out ... so all may be filled and rejoice in your blessings. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome to receive Christ's gift.

HYMN

"We've A Story to Tell to the Nations" #569

#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.

3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Brass Quartet

La Rejouissance—G. F. Handel

***INVITATION TO CELEBRATE**

**Please stand as you are able.*

CELEBRATION MEAL

Let's fellowship together for our meal immediately following worship in fellowship hall. Spaghetti & breadstick will be provided. Bring your salads and desserts to share.

THANK YOU

Worship Leader: Vicky Strock & Ally Hall

Communion Servers:

Jessica McCleery, Skylar and Sydni
John, Liz, Jack and Ellie Hasenmyer
Juanita, Nancy and Chrisy Slattery

Musicians:

Trumpet— Mark Murray, Chris Taylor

Horn—Erin Stout

Trombone—Sarah Taylor

Tuba—Cordell Zehr

Live Stream: Matt Stout

Sound: Richard Cassidy

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:** 139 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS:** You are invited to return your card during worship today — bring it forward to place in the basket or bowl during communion, or place it in a wooden box or offering plate. There are copies at the back of the sanctuary and at the Welcome Center. Let us know your intent to continue and grow the ministries we have celebrated these past 4 weeks – Outreach, Congregational Care, Music and today Families.
- **CHARGE CONFERENCE:** Oct. 13, 2-4 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we host this annual event for Anderson First, New Hope, New Horizons, Elwood First, Fifth St., Lapel Ford, Lapel Trinity and Pendleton First United Methodist Churches.
- **Bring or wear something that represents your ministry at AFUMC and stand as a part of the worship service!** Hospitality begins at 1.

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Steve Seybert, Tim Kline, Cliff Ambler, Jerry Hardacre, Dick Hines

Greeters: Ron and Sharon McNabney, Nina Kline
Celebration meal after the service.

Weekly Schedule

Sun 10/6			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
11:15 am	Y/A Gathering	Youth Area	Downtown
11:15 am	Celebration Meal	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe		Downtown
Mon 10/7			
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
Tues 10/8			
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 10/9			
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
6:00 pm	First Kids		Downtown
6:00 pm	Wesley Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Children's Choir		Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 10/10			
Fri 10/11			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 10/12			
10:00 am	YMCA Soccer		Davis Park
10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Sun 10/13			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Area	Downtown
2:00 pm	Charge Conference	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food @ First		Downtown



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Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation