

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 30, 2025 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Living our Faith, Nurturing Families,
Serving our Communities.

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Dick Falkenberry

ONE: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving,
reconciling love of God.

**ALL: For once we were lost and felt so far
away; now we have been found and
welcomed home.**

ONE: Know that God's love is lavished upon you
forever.

**ALL: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness
and hope!**

ONE: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of
Hope and Love.

ALL: Amen!

***HYMN** "My Hope is Built" #368

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When Darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne! (Refrain)

OFFERING TO GOD

OUTREACH EASTER OFFERING Susan Selby
OFFERTORY Sanctuary Choir
"I Am Bound for the Promised Land"

***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** Susan Selby

ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir
"Depth of Mercy"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dick Falkenberry

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** "Lord, Who Throughout these forty Days" #269

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.

3. As you did hunger bear and thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and always live
By your most holy word.

4 .And through these days of penitence,
And through your Passion-tide,
Forevermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

***GOSPEL** Dick Falkenberry

Luke 15:11-32 (MSG)

¹¹⁻¹² Then he said, "There was once a man who had two sons. The younger said to his father, 'Father, I want right now what's coming to me.'¹²⁻¹⁶ "So the father divided the property between them. It wasn't long before the younger son packed his bags and left for a distant country. There, undisciplined and dissipated, he wasted everything he had. After he had gone through all his money, there was a bad famine all through that country and he began to feel it. He signed on with a citizen there who assigned him to his fields to slop the pigs. He was so hungry he would have eaten the corn-cobs in the pig slop, but no one would give him any.¹⁷⁻²⁰ "That brought him to his senses. He said, 'All those farmhands working for my father sit down to three meals a day, and here I am starving to death. I'm going back to my father. I'll say to him, Father, I've sinned against God, I've sinned before you; I don't deserve to be called your son. Take me on as a hired hand.'²⁰⁻²¹ "When he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His heart pounding, he ran out, embraced him, and kissed him. The son started his speech: 'Father, I've sinned against God, I've sinned before you; I don't deserve to be called your son ever

again.'²²⁻²⁴ "But the father wasn't listening. He was calling to the servants, 'Quick. Bring a clean set of clothes and dress him. Put the family ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then get a prize-winning heifer and roast it. We're going to feast! We're going to have a wonderful time! My son is here—given up for dead and now alive! Given up for lost and now found!' And they began to have a wonderful time.

This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Unwarranted Grace Rev. Boruff

LENTEN CREED

We believe in Jesus Christ -- God with us, King and Suffering Servant, High Priest and Lamb of God, Teacher and Word, living, suffering, dying and rising again.

**We believe in Jesus Christ who challenges,
redeems and restores us. This is our faith that
we humbly claim in Jesus' name. Amen.**

HYMN "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #126

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

3. Thus all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

BENEDICTION

MUSIC FOR SENDING Susan Finger

"Jubilate Deo"

Thank you to Sheryl Monnier for playing with Michelle on the 4 hand piano part.

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Dick Falkenberry, Susan Selby
Music: Sanctuary Choir
Sound Tech: Jim Hudson; Visual Tech: Matt Stout

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 CAFÉ:** 47 guests were serve last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **LENTEN STUDY:** "The Message of Jesus" continues on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the North/South Parlor. ALL are welcome! ·
- **LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES:** All are welcome at 8 am. for breakfast and a speaker at Pendleton First UMC on **April 5**.
- **TODAY — BAPTISM/RE-AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM at 2 p.m:** Support the Confirmation Class at Anderson University Pool for Baptism and Re-Affirmation by immersion. Your presence means a great deal to these growing Christians!
- **TODAY — ALPHA BRASS SPRING CONCERT at 3 p.m.:** Come! Relax! Be inspired by great music!
- **EGG HUNT:** Donate your candy and treats. Volunteer your time and talents on **April 5** at Davis Park. And bring your family and friends!
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: April 17** at 7 p.m. we will share in Jesus’ command to serve one another by sharing in Foot Washing (elective) and Holy Communion.
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: April 18** at 7 p.m. share in Jesus’ story including his crucifixion. A powerful service of Word and music.
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We give thanks for today’s:

Ushers: Juanita Slattery

Greeters: Kay McConnell

Fellowship Time: Tuesday Morning Book club

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger

Pianist: Michele Murray

Finance: Gene Brueggen

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Production Director: Matt Stout

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Security: Richard Falkenberry

Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassiday, Mark Murray

Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

Weekly Schedule

Sun 3/30			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
3:00 pm	Alpha Brass Spring Concert	Sanctuary	Downtown
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthax	Downtown
Mon 3/31			
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Tues 4/01			
9:00 am	Sew Group	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Book Club	Library	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
11:30 am	Goody Bag Stuffing for April 5	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 4/02			
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Lenten Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Kids Choir Rehearsal	Younger Kids Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary	Downtown
Thurs 4/03			
9:00 am	Friendship Bible Study Circle	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Fri 4/04			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook
Sat 4/05			
10:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
10:30 am	Community Easter Egg Hunt		Davis Park
Sun 4/06			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown



First United Methodist

FAITH FIRST. FAMILIES FIRST. ANDERSON FIRST.



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Pastor: Corinne Boruff
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation