

MUSIC CELEBRATION SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION
April 6, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
**Living our faith, Nurturing families.
Serving our communities.**

*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger, Michele Murray
“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jeff Dyer
ONE: Though we could be resentful, O Lord,
ALL: We come to give thanks.
ONE: Though we could be complaining,
ALL: We come to offer appreciation.
ONE: Though we could be upset about what we lack,
ALL: We come in gratitude for what we have.
ONE: We enter now into this time of worship
ALL: We come carrying seed to sow, singing songs of joy. Let us sing of God’s grace!

*HYMN “Come, Christian, Join to Sing” #158
1. Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

CHILDREN’S CHOIR “Light of the World”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ally Hall

RECOGNITION OF MUSICIANS Jim Ault & Rev. Boruff
BLESSING
RESPONSE “Christ for the World We Sing” #568
Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

OFFERING TO GOD
INVITATION Jim Ault

OFFERTORY Wesley Chorale
“Glorious Peace”

*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 Jim Ault

ANTHEM “How Great Thou Art” Sanctuary Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jeff Dyer

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

*GOSPEL John 12:1-8 (NLT) Jeff Dyer
¹Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. ²A dinner was prepared in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. ³Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus’ feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵“That perfume was worth a year’s wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor.” ⁶Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself. ⁷Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”
This is God’s Word for us today.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Fragrance of Life Rev. Boruff

HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #400
1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Friends, let us come out of the darkness and join together in the light of God’s love. You are invited to this table of life as we join with each other and seek communion with God. God is with you!
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right,... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.
You sent Jesus to be the way, the truth and the life.... and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.
....we proclaim the mystery of faith:.
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. As we come to your table, we invite you to fill us; we invite your Spirit to lead us to be the Body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS
All are welcome to share in Christ's gift at Christ’s table.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Boruff

*HYMN “To God Be the Glory” #98
1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.
Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

3. Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

LENTEN CREED
We believe the Source of life will hold us in our faith for the journey ahead.
We believe that the Breath of life, of grace, of wisdom sings in our souls this day and all our days. This is our faith that we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen!

MUSIC FOR SENDING Sanctuary Choir
"A Choral Amen"

*BENEDICTION

*Please stand as you are able.

THANK YOU
for leading us in worship!
Worship Leaders: Ally Hall, Jeff Dyer & Jim Ault
Music: Sanctuary Choir, Wesley Chorale,
Children's Choir
Sound Tech: Mark Murray
Visual Tech: Matt Stout
Communion Servers: Jessica McCleery & Skylar St.
Laurent, Cliff & Karen Ambler, Frank & Sarah Later

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:** 110 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **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. Childcare available.
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: April 18** at 7 p.m. share in Jesus' story including his crucifixion. A powerful service of Word and music. Childcare will be available.
- **EASTER SON-RISE SERVICE: April 20** at 7 a.m. in Coyner Lodge, Davis Park. Music, scripture and a short drama entitled, "Resurrected" will lead us into celebrating Christ's Resurrection!
- **EASTER BREAKFAST: April 20** at 7:30 a.m. in Coyner Lodge, Davis Park immediately following the service. Join us for sausage gravy and biscuits, fruit salad and specialty breads. Donations will be

We give thanks for today's:
Ushers: Steve Seybert, Tim Kline, Cliff Ambler, Jerry Hardacre, Dick Hines
Greeters: Ron & Sharon McNabney, Nina Kline
Fellowship Time: Judy Whitney

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger
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Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

Weekly Schedule

Sun 04/06			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Mon 04/07			
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Tues 04/08			
9:00 am	Sew Group	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	Investment Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Choir Room	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 04/09			
9:00 am	Energy Assistance Day	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	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 Rehearsal	Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 04/10			
8:00 am	State IEHA Board Meeting		Davis Park
9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study Circle	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Fri 04/11			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
11:30 am	JOY Lunch	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook
Sat 04/12			
8:00 am	Lenten Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Sun 04/13			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Confirmation Class	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown



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Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation