

PALM SUNDAY
April 13, 2025 – 10 a.m.

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

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISMS & RE-AFFIRMATIONS
Photos on screen
Lucas Tupling, Chris Tupling
Ryan Falkenberry, Dave Peter, Claire Miller, Dan Miller,
Skylar St. Laurent & Jessica McCleery

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
"The Emperor's Fanfare"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Debbie Millikan
ONE: The journey has been long and sometimes difficult.
ALL: During this Lenten journey we have seen miracles and mysteries.
ONE: Now the Lord comes to us in victory.
ALL: Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.
ONE: Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name!
ALL: Hosanna in the highest! Amen!

Waving our palms as we sing together!

***HYMN** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" #280
Refrain:
All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)
2. The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)
5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)

LITURGICAL DANCE "For God is With Us"
Maizen Hochstetler, Maren Bostic,
Grace Stout, Caroline Taylor

OFFERING TO GOD
SERVING GOD Dave Peter

OFFERTORY Sanctuary Choir
"Hosanna to the Son of David"
***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** Dave Peter

ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir & Children's Choir
"Blessed is He Who Comes in the name of the Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Debbie Millikan

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** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #278
1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang,
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

***GOSPEL** Luke 19:28-40 (NLT) Debbie Millikan
²⁸ After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. ²⁹ As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. ³⁰ "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. ³³ And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" ³⁴ And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. ³⁶ As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. ³⁷ When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

³⁸ "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" ³⁹ But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" ⁴⁰ He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"
This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON A Flash in the Dark Rev. Boruff

LENTEN CREED
We believe that we are to rejoice because the Lord has come into our presence.
We believe we are the beloved ones of God. We know that God walks with us through this parade and time of celebration and in all the times ahead.

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.

BENEDICTION

MUSIC FOR SENDING Susan Finger
Festive Postlude on "All Creatures of God and King"

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Debbie Millikan & Dave Peter
Music: Sanctuary Choir; Children's Choir; Sheryl Monnier
Liturgical Dancers: Maizen Hochstetler, Maren Bostic,
Grace Stout, Caroline Taylor
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:** 79 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 accepted.
- **EASTER TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION: April 20** at 10 a.m. downtown. Christ is Risen! Join us as we celebrate with music, Word and inspiration.
- **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: April 27** be sure to join us as we celebrate the “Gifts of the Risen Christ.” Guest musicians will be Anderson Area Children’s Choir & Youth Chorale, and Rachael Lashbrook.
- **FAMILY MINISTRY SHOWCASE: May 4** at 11:15 in the sanctuary. Plan now to attend and support your children and youth!

We give thanks for today’s:

Ushers: Bill Kahle, Dorinda Cassiday, Richard Cassiday, Bob Ballenger

Greeters: Becky Ball, Kay McConnell, Kaylyn McConnell

Fellowship Time: Friendship Bible Study Circle

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: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassiday, Mark Murray
Office Manager: Judy Whitney	Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull
Outreach: Susan & David Selby	
Production Director: Matt Stout	

Weekly Schedule

Sun 04/13			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15	Confirmation Class	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown
Mon 04/14			
1:00 pm	AARP	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass Rehearsal	Alpha Brass Room	Downtown
Tues 04/15			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Choir Room	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 04/16			
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 04/17			
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary	Downtown
Fri 04/18 OFFICE CLOSED			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	St. Anne’s Good Friday Service		Davis Park
12:00 PM	Downtown Devotions		Facebook
7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary	Downtown
Sat 04/19			
8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast		Primrose
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Sun 04/20			
7:00 am	Easter Sonrise Service		Davis Park
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown



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