

**EASTER
HE IS RISEN!**
April 20, 2025 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We see Jesus beside us when we are...
**Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our
Communities.**

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
Susan Finger, Organ & Michele Murray, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bill Brown

ONE: It happened! Jesus was absolutely right!
**ALL: Christ is risen! It was as he said it
would be!**
ONE: Darkness is gone! Brightness reigns!
**ALL: God’s love has poured over us, bringing
us joy and hope!**
ONE: We are free from fear and doubt!
**ALL: We are free to celebrate and dance, and
shout the Good News – “Christ is Risen!”
Alleluia!**

***HYMN** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #302
Organ and Brass Introduction

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**OFFERING TO GOD
EASTER AT WORK
OFFERTORY**

Nina Kline
Sanctuary Choir & Brass
“An Easter Cry of Praise”

***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**

Nina Kline

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir & Brass
“Sing for Joy, Alleulia”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Brown

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**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” #327

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb
upon his Throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul and
sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy
matchless King through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er
the grave and rose victorious in the strife for those
he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died
and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and
lives that death may die.

Brass and Organ Interlude

4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands
and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty
glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast
died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

***GOSPEL**

John 20:1-18

Bill Brown

¹Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary
Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone
had been rolled away from the entrance. ² She ran and
found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom
Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body
out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put
him!” ³ Peter and the other disciple started out for the
tomb. ⁴ They were both running, but the other disciple
outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He stooped
and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there,
but he didn’t go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter arrived and went
inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying
there, ⁷ while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was
folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings.
⁸ Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also
went in, and he saw and believed— ⁹ for until then they

still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus
must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then they went home.
¹¹ Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as
she wept, she stooped and looked in. ¹² She saw two
white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the
other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus
had been lying. ¹³ “Dear woman, why are you crying?”
the angels asked her. “Because they have taken away
my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they
have put him.” ¹⁴ She turned to leave and saw
someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t
recognize him. ¹⁵ “Dear woman, why are you
crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?”
She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if
you have taken him away, tell me where you have put
him, and I will go and get him.” ¹⁶ “Mary!” Jesus said.
She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is
Hebrew for “Teacher”). ¹⁷ “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus
said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go
find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my
Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”
¹⁸ Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them,
“I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his
message.

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

SERMON

A New World

Rev. Boruff

HYMN

“He Lives!”

1. I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

2. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)

EASTER RESPONSE

Jesus has opened our minds to believe what we
cannot explain and opened our hearts to hope for
what we cannot see.

**Our lives are now open to life and to love. Let
resurrection happen in us today and every day!
Christ is Risen! Praise be to God!**

MUSIC FOR SENDING “Because He Lives” #364
Introduction: Organ, Piano and Brass

**Please stand when the Choir stands*
Refrain:
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Bill Brown & Nina Kline
Music: Sanctuary Choir & Brass
Sound Tech: Jim Hudson
Visual Tech: Matt Stout

Thank you to our brass players today:
Nancy Thompson, Raymond Nelson,
Jacob Hickle, Don Hoffman

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:** 87 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- 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** immediately following worship (11:15 a.m.) in the sanctuary. Plan now to attend and support your children and youth!

We give thanks for today’s:
Ushers: Dick Falkenberry, Bonnie Belangee, Ryan Falkenberry, Jeff Dyer
Greeters: Jim Ault, Pat Walker
Fellowship Time: Judy Whitney

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger	Production Director: Matt Stout
Pianist: Michele Murray	
Finance: Gene Brueggen	Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout
Office Manager: Judy Whitney	Security: Richard Falkenberry
Outreach: Susan & David Selby	Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy,

Weekly Schedule

Sun 04/20			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Mon 04/21 OFFICE CLOSED			
11:00 am	Buddy Pag Packing	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Tues 04/22			
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 04/23			
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Bells	Bell Room	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 04/24			
Fri 04/25			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
10:30 am	Buddy Bag Delivery		Downtown
12:00 PM	Downtown Devotions		Facebook
Sat 04/26			
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Sun 04/27			
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



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