

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 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

"Keep Your Lamps" arr. Andre Thomas

AAYC

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Frank Later

ONE: Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

ALL: **We come to worship the risen Christ: who brings peace into our fear;**

ONE: Who brings hope into our despair;

ALL: **Who brings love into our world;**

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,

victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

OFFERING TO GOD

INVITATION
OFFERTORY

Frank Later
Trebles of AAYC

"The Parting Glass" arr. Carl Crossin

*DOXOLOG

Rachael Lashbrook

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

Frank Later

ANTHEM

AACC/YC

"Unity" by Glorriane Moon & Freddie Washington

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ryan 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

"Blessed Assurance"

#369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

*GOSPEL

Ryan Falkenberry

John 20:19-31 (NLT)

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you

forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." ²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" ²⁸ "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." ³⁰ The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Gifts of the Risen Christ Rev. Boruff

HYMN

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

#173

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

3. Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

RESPONSE

May we go from this place to embody God's love of all creation. May the Holy be embodied in all our comings and goings, this day and every day.

We go in peace to love and serve our God.

MUSIC FOR SENDING

"May the Road Rise Up"

AACC/YC

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Ryan Falkenberry & Frank Later
Music: Anderson Area Children’s Choir & Youth Chorale
and Rachael Lashbrook
Sound Tech: Richard Cassiday
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 CAFE:** 67 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **AACC/YC SPRING CONCERT:** Tuesday **April 29** AACC/YC will be performing for the parents, family, friends, and community — in other words, YOU! The concert will be in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm
- **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!
- **MOTHER’S DAY:** May 11 we will offer a special recognition of our mothers.
- **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:** May 18 our 4 Confirmation students will publicly acknowledge that they have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Be sure to be present for this powerful service of commitment to Christ.
- **MEMORIAL SUNDAY:** May 25 we begin our **Summer Schedule** — 9 a.m. worship outside at Davis Park and 10:45 a.m. in the N.S. Parlor.
- **SPRING BIBLE STUDY:** “The Early Church,” a study of Paul’s ministry and principles will be on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for 5 weeks beginning April 30. Join us!

We give thanks for today’s:

Ushers: Kathy Kean, Debbie Millikan, Andre Streaty
Greeters: Betsy Bachman, Charlie & Miriam Jones
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Bible Study Circle

First United Methodist Staff:

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

Weekly Schedule

Sun 04/27			
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
Mon 04/28			
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
7:00 pm	Budget Benders Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Tues 04/29			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsal & Concert	Sanctuary/Choir Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 04/30			
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
6:00 pm	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:20 pm	Kids Choir Rehearsal	Younger Kids Room	Downtown
Thurs 05/01			
11300 am	Friendship Bible Study Circle Lunch @ Granview Golf Course		
Fri 05/02			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 PM	Downtown Devotions		Facebook
Sat 05/03			
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/South Parlor	Downtown
9:00 am	Arrows of Almighty Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Downtown
Sun 05/04			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Family Ministry Showcase	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship	Downtown



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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025 – 10 a.m.

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