STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION
October 5, 2025 - 10 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS
"Take a long, hard look. See how great God is—infinite,
***greater than** anything*
you could ever imagine or figure out!" Job 36:26

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXPLANATION OF GIVING Debbie Millikan

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
Michele Murray
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Brian White

ONE: Gracious God, you have made a world for us and given us incomparable gifts:
ALL: For all the gifts and wonders you have bestowed on us, we thank you and worship you with renewed gratitude.
ONE: O God, you created us to love one another as Christ has loved us.
ALL: We are called to be your stewards. We pledge to witness to he good news of Christ with our hearts and hands and voices.
ONE: We are confident in your love and care for us.
ALL: We gladly give back to our Gracious God our whole lives, our time, our talents, and our financial resources. Praise God!

***HYMN** "O Church of God, United" #547

1. O Church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

3. Though creeds and tongues may differ,
they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit, we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.

4. May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one, close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son: to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright, that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ally Hall

OFFERING TO GOD
INVITATION Rev. White

OFFERTORY "Now I'm Found" Sanctuary Choir

***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** Rev. White

ANTHEM "I'll Fly Away" Sanctuary Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dorinda Cassiday

NEW TESTAMENT Dorinda Cassiday
Ephesians 3:14-21 (MSG)

14-19 My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God. 20-21 God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

Please stand in body & spirit out of respect for the Gospel.

***GOSPEL** John 14:11-13 (NIV)

11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

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

SERMON Possibility > Status Quo Rev. Boruff

HYMN "What Wonderous Love Is This" #292

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2).What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God of generosity be with you!
And also with you!
People of God, open your hearts to the One who has blessed you beyond imagination.
We open our very being to the God who always surprises us with blessings.
When you could have been stingy in those first days, Imaginative God, you poured all that was in your heart into the silence and emptiness of chaos…. So, with those who have received your blessings in every age and place, with those who seek to be stewards here and now, we join our voices in praise to you:
Holy, holy, holy, God of extravagant love. All creation is filled to overflowing with your gifts. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes bearing your blessings to us. Hosanna in the highest!
You are generous to a fault, Gracious God...that we might be reconciled to you once and for all. As we remember the Gift we will celebrate once again its mystery:
Christ died, the blessing which destroyed sin; Christ arose, the gift which conquered death; Christ will come again, the treasure of your kingdom on earth.
Your Spirit is that gift that is poured out…. as your good and faithful stewards, offer them back to you so all may be filled and rejoice in your blessings. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
All are welcome to receive Christ's gift.

RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S GIFT
You are invited to leave your 2026 Giving Cards in the buckets provided as you come forward to receive Communion.

HYMN "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations" #569

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.
Refrain:
For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love. (Refrain)

PRAYER (unison)

Lord, I invite You to live in my life today. Here is my face – Smile through it. Here is my mouth – Speak to someone with it. Here are my ears – Listen to someone with them. Here is my heart – Love someone with it. Here are my hands – Touch someone with them. Here are my arms – Hug someone with them. Here are my feet – Walk with them this day. Amen.

MUSIC FOR SENDING Susan Finger

Festive Postlude on "Truro"

***INVITATION & BLESSING**

Celebration Meal

Let's fellowship together at a meal immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. An Italian meal will be provided.

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU

Worship Leaders: Debbie Millikan, Rev. Brian White & Dorinda Cassiday

Communion Servers: Frank & Sarah Later, Dick & Mary Falkenberry, Peg Peter &

Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

Sound: Richard Cassiday; Visual Tech: Matt Stout

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:**
  Anderson First United Methodist Church
  Downtown: 1215 Jackson St., Anderson IN 46016;
  Davis Park: 4507 Nichol Ave., Anderson 46011
  Website: www.andersonfirst.org
  Phone: 765-643-6977
- **CELEBRATION MEAL: TODAY** following worship in Fellowship Hall. MENU includes Spaghetti w Meal or Marinara Sauce, Salad, Bread Sticks & Desserts, All are welcome!
- **J.O.Y LUNCH:** October 17, 11:30-1 p.m.
- **FALL-A-PALOOZA:** Oct. 18, 12-2 p.m. at Davis Park. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Weekly Schedule

Sun 10.05			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Younger Kids Classroom	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:00 am	Celebration Meal	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown
Mon 10/06			
10:30 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Tues 10/07			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Book Club	Library	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Wed 10/08			
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 Page
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AFS Midweek	Youth Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 10/09			
6:00 pm	Staff Parish Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Fri 10/10			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook
Sat 10/11			
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Sun 10/12			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Younger Kids Classroom	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Family Ministries Team Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 PM	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

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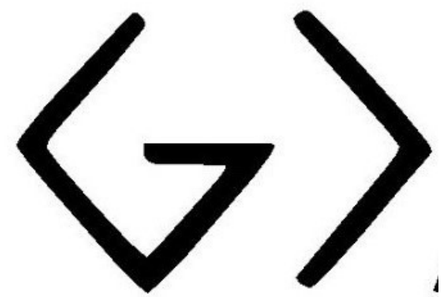

GOD IS GREATER THAN...

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION
HOLY COMMUNION
October 5, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Lead Pastor: Rev. Corinne Boruff
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brian White
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation