

**EASTER CELEBRATION
HOLY COMMUNION
April 5, 2026 – 10 a.m.**

WELCOME

***GREETING**

MUSIC OF CELEBRATION

Duet

"Lift High the Cross" arr. Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard
Susan Finger, Organ; Michele Murray, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bill Brown

ONE: The night is over! The morning is here!

ALL: Christ is risen, risen as he said!

ONE: Sadness has vanished! Tears are no more!

ALL: Death has fled! Life is victorious!

ONE: This is the day the Lord has made:

ALL: We rejoice! We are glad in it!

ONE: Come, assemble for the Feast of Life;

**ALL: The Feast of the Kingdom of God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***HYMN** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #302

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

Bill Brown

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir & Brass

"Christ is Risen" by Pote

***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**

Bill Brown

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir & Brass

"Alleluia, He Lives" by Raney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Matt McClintick

***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!

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.

***GOSPEL**

Matt McClintick

John 20:1-9 (NRSV)

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

An Easter Heart

Rev. Boruff

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Easter people, come now to the table with Christ!

For he is risen! He lives, and he presides at this feast!

Come, eat together the bread of life!

For he is risen, and nothing separates us from God's love!

Praise to you, God of glory!.... All your creatures testify to your mighty deeds and declare your everlasting love! We proclaim it too:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name**

of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Now, O God, with grateful hearts we remember Jesus....And so we join their claim of the mystery of faith:

Christ had died. Christ is Risen! Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit,give us love for each other, and make us servants of peace.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and presides at this table, our host and our feast. Amen.

Thanks be to him, who taught us to pray....

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

As United Methodists, we welcome all to share in Christ's sacrifice and gift of grace. We place no restrictions including age or church membership.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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!

HYMN

"Because He Lives"

#364

Introduction: Organ, Piano & 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 & Matt McClintick
Music: Sanctuary Choir & Brass
Sound Tech: Jim Hudson
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
- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **FOOD@FIRST:** 68 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **INDOOR EGG HUNT TODAY:** Easter Sunday is a free indoor Easter egg hunt will be in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15 a.m. ALL are welcome!
- **EASTER LILIES:** If you ordered a Lily, please take it home with you today after worship.
- **SPRING BIBLE STUDY:** "The Lord Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught" by Adam Hamilton on April 13–May 24, Mondays at 10:30 a.m. led by Pastor Brian White in the North/South Parlor or online. Sign up today!
- **SUMMER CAMP:** Check out the website and let Ally Hall know if you would like to participate. You will receive a special code to use during registration. Early bird registration is open now & ends on April 20. <https://impact2818.org/summer-camps/>
- **FIRST SUNDAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE:** May 24 we transition to a 9 a.m. worship service outside at Davis Park (4507 Nichol Ave.) and 10:45 a.m. service downtown in North/South Parlor.

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Steve Seybert, Tim Kline, Cliff Ambler,
Jerry Hardacre, Dick Hines
Greeters: Sharon & Ron McNabney, Nina Kline
Coffee Hosts: Judy Whitney

Weekly Schedule

Sun 04/05			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Easter Egg Hunt	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown
Mon 04/06—OFFICE CLOSED			
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Tues 04/07			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Book Club	Library	Downtown
Wed 04/08			
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
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AFS Midweek	Youth Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club—Movie Night	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 04/09			
6:00 pm	Tri Kappa Sorority Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Fri 04/10			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook Page
Sat 04/11			
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
10:00 am	Day of Racial Healing 2	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
1:00 pm	Visitation for JoAnn Stoops	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Funeral for JoAnn Stoops	Sanctuary	Downtown
Sun 04/12			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	AFS Youth Group	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 PM	Community Cafe	Fellowship	Downtown



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