

MOTHER'S DAY
May 10, 2026 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME Rev White
**PATHWAY: Living our Faith, Nurturing Families,
Serving our Communities.**

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!" arr. Page

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Marissa Childs

ONE: We gather together to worship our loving,
nurturing God,

**ALL: Who, like a mother, knows us
intimately, loves us unconditionally,**

ONE: Teaches us the way we should go,

ALL: And comforts us in times of need.

ONE: Praise God!

**ALL: Praise God the Source and Sustainer of
life!**

***HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation. O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life
and restore thee. Fitting thee well for the tasks that
are ever before thee. Then to thy need God
as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore him! All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!

1Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO MOTHER US Video
"The Hum"

"The hum of day-to-day is the sound of Love at work."
*As you exit worship, please receive a gift of our love
and appreciation. Happy Mother's Day!*

OFFERING TO GOD

STAFF PARISH Marissa Childs
OFFERTORY Wesley Bells

"Gospel Roundup" arr. Raney

***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** Marissa Childs

ANTHEM Wesley Bells
"Do Lord, Amen!" arr. Mallory

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Tim Kline

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 "When Love is Found" #643

When love is found and hope comes home,
Sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky,
Praise God and share our Maker's joy.

When love has flowered in trust and care,
Build both each day, that love may dare
To reach beyond home's warmth and light,
To serve and strive for truth and right.

NEW TESTAMENT Tim Kline

Acts 17:22-31 (NRSV)

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians,
I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went
through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your
worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an
unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I
proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything
in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines
made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as
though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals
life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all
peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of
their existence and the boundaries of the places where they
would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps
fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far
from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our
being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For
we, too, are his offspring.' ²⁹ "Since we are God's
offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold
or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and
imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the
times of human ignorance, now he commands all people
everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on
which he will have the world judged in righteousness by
a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given
assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

***GOSPEL** John 14:15-21 (NRSV) Rev. White

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another

Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of
truth, whom the world cannot receive because it
neither sees him nor knows him. You know him
because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ "I
will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In
a little while the world will no longer see me, but you
will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On
that day you will know that I am in my Father, and
you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my
commandments and keep them are those who love
me, and those who love me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to
them."

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Widen the Circle Rev. White
*Description: In Acts, Paul challenges us to broaden the
message of Christ to a wider audience. How are we
expanding the invitation to be the family of Jesus?*

HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

MUSIC FOR SENDING Susan Finger
"Festive Postlude on All Creatures of Our god and King"
by Fey

***BENEDICTION** Tim Kline

Please stand as you are able.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
To our mothers and those who mother us!
Please accept our gift to you before you leave
this morning!
God loves you and so do we!

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Marissa Childs & Tim Kline
Staff Parish Committee Members:
Marissa Childs & Maria Falkenberry, Co-Chairs.
Janine Spurgeon, Sarah Later, Dean Bayer, Kay
McConnell, Bob Ballenger, Richard Cassidy, Bonnie
Belangee & Merrilyn Vance
Music: Wesley Bells
Sound Tech: Mark Murray
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:** 54 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Begins on May 24 with 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship at Davis Park and 10:45 A.M. Downtown Worship in N/S Parlor.
- **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:** All mothers and those who mother us are invited to receive a gift this morning. We love and appreciate you!
- **HANDBELL FESTIVAL:** A very special community event with 4 Bell Choirs. The event is in our downtown sanctuary on Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 p.m. Come and support our musicians, welcome our guest and enjoy spectacular music!
- **REV. DR. DEREK WEBER RETIREMENT:** On May 19 at 2:00 p.m. EST as a Zoom event. Zoom link is <https://mailchi.mp/umcdiscipleship/october-10308972?e=96ced643fc> Derek was Senior Pastor at Anderson First UMC from 2001-2007.
- **SUMMER OF SERVING IS BACK:** Every week in June and July, we will have specific serving opportunities for you to do over the summer that will impact our community. We can't wait to spend the summer serving alongside you!
- **FIRST KIDS CLASSES:** Every Sunday beginning May 24 at 9:00 a.m. Davis Park service, ALL children ages 5 & older are invited to classes in Coyner Lodge (except the first Sunday of each month).
- **GRADUATES:** The church is requesting the names of all High School, College, or Advanced Degree graduates to honor and celebrate them on Sunday, June 7th at 9:00 a.m. at Davis Park. Contact the church office to submit your information.

Weekly Schedule

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| Sun 05/10 | | | |
| 10:00 am | Worship | Sanctuary | Downtown |
| 2:00 pm | Worship | | Primrose |
| 4:30 pm | Food@First | Narthex | Downtown |
| Mon 05/11 | | | |
| 10:30 am | Bible Study | North/South Parlor | Downtown |
| 1:00 pm | AARP | Fellowship Hall | Downtown |
| 4:30 pm | Exercise Class | | Davis Park/Lodge |
| 6:00 pm | AA Big Book Study | North/South Parlor | Downtown |
| 6:00 pm | Finance Committee Meeting | North/South Parlor | Downtown |
| 6:30 pm | Alpha Brass Rehearsal | Alpha Brass Room | Downtown |
| Tues 05/12 | | | |
| 9:00 am | Buddy Bag Food Delivery | | Downtown |
| 9:00 am | Sew Day | Fellowship Hall | Downtown |
| 10:00 am | Staff Meeting | Conference Room | Downtown |
| 12:00 pm | Frankton Jr/Sr HS Day of Service | | Davis Park |
| 4:00 pm | AACC Rehearsal | Sanctuary, Choir Room | Downtown |
| Wed 05/13 | | | |
| 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 |
| Thurs 05/14 | | | |
| 6:00 pm | Tri Kappa Sorority Meeting | North/South Parlor | Downtown |
| Fri 05/15 | | | |
| 9:00 am | Bible Study | North/South Parlor | Downtown |
| 11:30 am | JOY Lunch | North/South Parlor | Downtown |
| 12:00 pm | Downtown Devotions | | Facebook Page |
| Sat 05/16 | | | |
| 8:00 am | Men's Breakfast | | Primrose |
| 9:00 am | AA Meeting | East/West Parlor | Downtown |
| Sun 05/17 | | | |
| 9:00 am | Trustee's Meeting | Conference Room | Downtown |
| 10:00 am | Worship | Sanctuary | Downtown |
| 11:15 am | AFS End-of-Year Party | Youth Room | Downtown |
| 2:00 pm | Worship | | Primrose |
| 4:30 PM | Food@First | Narthex | Downtown |



First United Methodist

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May 10, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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