IN CHRIST
STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION
October 18, 2026- 10:00 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS
"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26

WELCOME

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
"Let All things Now Living" arr. Held

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Boruff
ONE: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.
ALL: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.
ONE: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:
ALL: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.
ONE: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.
ALL: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer, gifts and promises.

***HYMN** "Come, We That Love the Lord" #732
1. Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.

2. Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad.

4. Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.

LITANY OF GENEROSITY Jim Ault
Gracious God, give us generous hearts…
To acknowledge you as the giver of all good gifts.
To share without expecting something in return.
To be wise in the way of caring for ourselves and others.
To hold our treasures and values with open hands.
To have gospel priorities and to align our life, love and time in their light.
To recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day.
To know the freedom that comes with generosity.
To accept our talents, whether many or few, and to use them in service, and to grow in giving thanks for everything.
Create in us a deep center of gratitude, a center so strong that sharing our treasures becomes the norm and pattern of our existence.
Thank you for reaching into our lives with surprises of joy, growth, and unearned love. Amen!

HYMN "Freely, Freely" #389
God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.
Refrain:
He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his power as he told me to.

OFFERING TO GOD
VISION FOR OUR FUTURE Jim Ault
OFFERTORY Sanctuary Choir
"Sing and Rejoice" #1441

***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** Jim Ault

ANTHEM "Your Love" Sanctuary Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE DeWayne Landwehr

LORD'S PRAYER (union)
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 "Maker in Whom We Live" #88
1. Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.

4. Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.

NEW TESTAMENT DeWayne Landwehr
Philippians 2: 1-8 (MSG)
1-4 If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you *care*—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. 5-8 Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became *human*! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

***GOSPEL** John 3:16-17 (NLT)
16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave[a] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.
This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Into Our Future Rev. Boruff

HYMN "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" #298
1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY
We celebrate this opportunity to join God in the work of love.
Being in Christ, we commit our lives and our treasures to God. Alleluia! Amen!

MUSIC FOR SENDING Susan Finger
"Rejoice the Lord Is King" arr. Hayes

***BENEDICTION**

Join us for the
CELEBRATION MEAL
This pitch-in meal is in Fellowship Hall
immediately following this service. All are welcome!

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
Worship Leaders: Jim Ault & DeWayne Landwehr
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
- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **ROESCH COMMUNITY CAFE:** 81 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **TOKEN**: Please accept a token on appreciation by receiving a small wooden puzzle piece this morning. This is a reminder that always you are IN CHRIST as a part of Christ's Body at Anderson First UMC. Thank you!
- **PITCH-IN CELEBRATION MEAL:** Following worship today is a pitch-in celebration meal. Please stay and celebrate even if you have forgotten a food item. There will be plenty for all!
- **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:** November 1 is the Sunday set aside to remember our loved one who have graduated into eternal life. Be sure to be here for this special service.
- **TIME CHANGE:** November 1 our clocks will "fall back" one hour. Be sure to note the change!

We give thanks for today's:
Greeters: Kay & Kaylyn McConnell, Jim Ault
Ushers: Dick Falkenberry, Ryan Falkenberry, Bonnie Belangee, Jeff Dyer
Coffee Host: Stewardship Celebration Pitch-in

Weekly Schedule

Sun 10/18			
9:00 am	Trustee's Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Stewardship Celebration Pitch-in	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown
Mon 10/19			
10:30 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
11:00 am	Buddy Bag Packing (AFUMC)	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
7:00 pm	Staff Parish Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Tues 10/20			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Wed 10/21			
3:00 pm	Coffee With Corinne		Facebook Page
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AFS Midweek	Youth Room, HS Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell room	Downtown
6:30 pm	Family Ministry Sunday Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Narthex, Kids Classrooms	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 10/22			
No Activities to Report			
Fri 10/23			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
11:00 am	Buddy Bag Delivery (AFUMC)		Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook Page
Sat 10/24			
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
5:00 pm	Smiles In The City Halloween Bash		Davis Park/Lodge
Sun 10/25			Downtown
9:00 am	Family Ministry Sunday Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Kids Classrooms	Downtown
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Lead Pastor: Rev. Corinne Boruff
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brian White
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation