

**NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY  
HOLY COMMUNION  
OUTDOOR SERVICE @ DAVIS PARK  
August 4, 2024 ~ 9 a.m.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Boruff

**"THANK YOU" CARD BLESSING** Rev. Boruff

**\*GREETING**

**MUSIC FOR GATHERING** Lora Dingledine  
"Movement One" from Sonate for Oboe by Saint-Saens

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Bill Brown

ONE: For the gift of family and friends... we praise and thank you, God.

**ALL: For the gift of acceptance and care... we praise and thank you, God.**

ONE: For trust, joy and understanding

**ALL: For the good times we share**

ONE: For comfort when we are sad

**ALL: For companionship and support when we are lonely**

ONE: For courage when we are afraid

**ALL: For all the gifts of friendship... we praise and thank you, God. We thank you, God, that you are our friend!**

**\*HYMN** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #526

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

take it to the Lord in prayer.

**CELEBRATING OUR FRIENDS** Rev. Boruff

"There is nothing in this world so precious as a faithful friend. Friendship is truly a gift from God and clearly more than we deserve."

4th century Greek Orthodox theologian Gregory of Nyssa

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Ally Hall

**OFFERING TO GOD** Rev. Boruff

**INVITATION** Lora Dingledine

**OFFERTORY** "Movement Two" from Sonate for Oboe by Saint-saens

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM** Lora Dingledine

"Gabriel's Oboe" Morricone

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Bill Brown

**OLD TESTAMENT** Bill Brown

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. <sup>10</sup> If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. <sup>11</sup> Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? <sup>12</sup> A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Proverbs 27:17-19 (MSG)

<sup>17</sup> You use steel to sharpen steel, and one friend sharpens another. <sup>18</sup> If you care for your orchard, you'll enjoy its fruit; if you honor your boss, you'll be honored. <sup>19</sup> Just as water mirrors your face, so your face mirrors your heart.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Lasting Friendships Rev. Boruff

**HYMN** "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" #430

1. O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

**INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE** Bill Brown

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!...

So come, not because we invite you, but because God invites you.

**We welcome those whom God welcomes!**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Rev. Boruff

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great and mysterious God of creation, we do give you thanks for the wonders of life, the beauty of the world we live in, and the deep and expansive universe of which

we are only a small part.... We add our voices to the chorus of history, who praise you in various ways, in a multitude of languages and a multitude of songs, forever singing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

You are holy, dear God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, who came and who comes in your name.... Rising from the dead, he proved that nothing is beyond the power of your redemptive love.

**Christ died, so death would be no more; Christ was raised, so the first things might pass away; Christ went away and will come to us to take us back to you.**

Gracious and loving God fill our worship with the presence of your Spirit.... Jesus Christ taught us about the kingdom we should expect when he taught us to pray together the Lord's Prayer...

**LORD'S PRAYER** (unison)

**\*SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

*All are welcome to receive Christ's gift.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Rev. Boruff

**HYMN** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" #557

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

4. When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

**RESPONSE** Bill Brown

Our God, who is gracious, sends us out to be a blessing – to be a friend to others.

**With our hearts, we will sing God's praises; with our hands, we will serve God's people by Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our Communities.**

**MUSIC FOR SENDING** Sue Finger

"Praise Him! Praise Him!" by Hayes

**\*BENEDICTION**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**THANK YOU, LORA DINGLEDINE**  
for leading worship with your music!

**SPECIAL THANKS**  
**to all who assisted in the Kids' Musical!**  
**SNACKS & LUNCH**

Tom & Ann Cullop,  
Ann Bull and Eddie Stephens, Nina Kline, Dorinda  
and Richard Cassidy, Debbie Millikan, Susan and  
Dave Selby, Candy Short, Judy Wesser, Peg and Dave  
Peter, Francie Seybert, Jim and Vicky Strock, Sue  
Finger, Dean McConnell, Kay McConnell, Bill and Mary  
Brown, Dick and Mary Falkenberry, Dee Ann  
Williams, Elizabeth Murray-Sherron, Mary Mendel.

**MONETARY GIFT**

Betsy Epply shared the Memorial Gifts given in  
memory of Tom Epply for this event.

**DIRECTORS & SUPPORT**

Directors: Sue Finger, Erin Stout, Rachel Hochstetler  
Sound Technician: Mark Murray  
Media: Matt Stout  
Assistant: Ally Hall,  
Choreographer: Abby Mercer

**CAST**

Conner Falkenberry, Ryan Falkenberry, Leland  
Hoschstetler, Maizen Hochstetler, Kaylyn McConnell,  
Claire Miller, Sam Miller, Addie Nunn, Elise Nunn,  
Grace Stout, Caroline Taylor, and Gigi Wagner

**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 GRILLE :** 124 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **FRIENDS WELCOME!** We are celebrating you, our friends! Be sure to see our Welcome Table for your gift before you leave!

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sun 8/4**

9:00 AM	Worship		Davis Park
10:45 am	Worship		Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille		Downtown

**Mon 8/5**

10:30 am	Griefshare	North/South Parlor	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown

**Tues 8/6**

9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
5:00 pm	Pink Panther Cheer	Gym	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

**Wed 8/7**

8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
10::30 am	Ext Home President's Council	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park

**Thurs 8/8**

5:00 pm	Pink Panther Cheer	Gym	Downtown
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**Fri 8/9**

9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook

**Sat 8/10**

10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South	Downtown
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**Sun 8/11**

9:00 am	Worship		Davis Park
10:45 am	Worship	North/South Parlor	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille		Downtown

We give thanks for today's:  
Ushers: Steve Seybert, Dick Hines, Jerry Hardacre  
Fellowship Time: Kathy Kean  
Communion Preparation: Francie Seybert, Darlene Stroud



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Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall  
Ministers: Congregation