

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUTDOOR SERVICE @ DAVIS PARK
August 25, 2024 ~ 9 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Plainsong Girls
"Nobody Loves Me Like You"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Joe Snyder

ONE: Children of God: welcome!

ALL: **Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

ONE: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

ALL: **God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**

ONE: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

ALL: **We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are. In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.**

*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.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ally Hall

OFFERING TO GOD

INVITATION
OFFERTORY

Plainsong Girls

"God Is Love"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

"Known"

Plainsong Girls

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joe Snyder

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 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" #405

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things Shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.
3. Ask, and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia.

*GOSPEL

Joe Snyder

John 10:22-29 (NLT)

²² It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. ²³ He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. ²⁶ But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, ²⁹ for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand.

*NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 5:20-21 (MSG)

²⁰⁻²¹ All that passing laws against sin did was produce more lawbreakers. But sin didn't, and doesn't, have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call *grace*. When it's sin versus grace, grace wins hands down. All sin can do is threaten us with death, and that's the end of it. Grace, because God is putting everything together again through the Messiah, invites us into life—a life that goes on and on and on, world

without end.

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Friends: Known and Loved
Rev. Boruff

*HYMN "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #664

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for god and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

RESPONSE

May the peace of God enfold us.

May the love of God uphold us as we go into this week Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our Communities.

MUSIC FOR SENDING

"King of Love"

Plainsong Girls

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*

Weekly Schedule



First United Methodist
 FAITH FIRST. FAMILIES FIRST. ANDERSON FIRST.



WELCOME

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

PRAYER REQUESTS 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:** 129 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **RETURN SUNDAY:** September 8 our Fall worship schedule begins with ONE SERVICE at 10 a.m. in the downtown sanctuary. Be sure to join us for this spectacular service!
- **BLOCK PARTY:** Church family is invited to a cookout and pitch-in meal following the worship service on Sept. 8. There will be food and fun! Seating for the meal will be in NS and EW Parlors and outside. Games and fun in the parking lot.
- **VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTER (VRC) TRAINING:** Anderson First UMC will host a VRC training on Wednesday, Sept 11 from 6-8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Church & community will come together to learn how to process volunteers who come to Madison Co. to assist in disaster relief and repair. All are welcome!

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger	Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout
Pianist: Michele Murray	Security: Richard Falkenberry
Finance: Gene Brueggen	Sound Technicians: Sharon Kyle, Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy, Mark Murray
Program Support Coordinator: Kathy Kean	Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull
Communications Coordinator: Peg Peter	
Production Director: Matt Stout	

We give thanks for today's:
 Ushers: Kathy Kean, Dale Mendenhall, Debbie Millikan
 Fellowship Time: Kathy Kean

Sun 8/25			
9:00 AM	Worship		Davis Park
10:45 am	Worship		Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
11:00 am	Family Ministry Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille		Downtown
Mon 8/26			
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 8/27			
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
6:00 pm	Summer Reading Challenge Conversation	North/South Parlor	Downtown
4:30 pm	AACC Rehearsals		Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 8/28			
8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Choir Kickoff		Davis Park
Thurs 8/29			
5:00 pm	Swayzee Tenderloin Pickup	Parking Lot	Downtown
6:00 pm	AU Fair	AU Campus	AU
Fri 8/30			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 8/31			
10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Sun 8/25			
9:00 am	Worship		Davis Park
10:45 am	Worship	North/South Parlor	Downtown
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