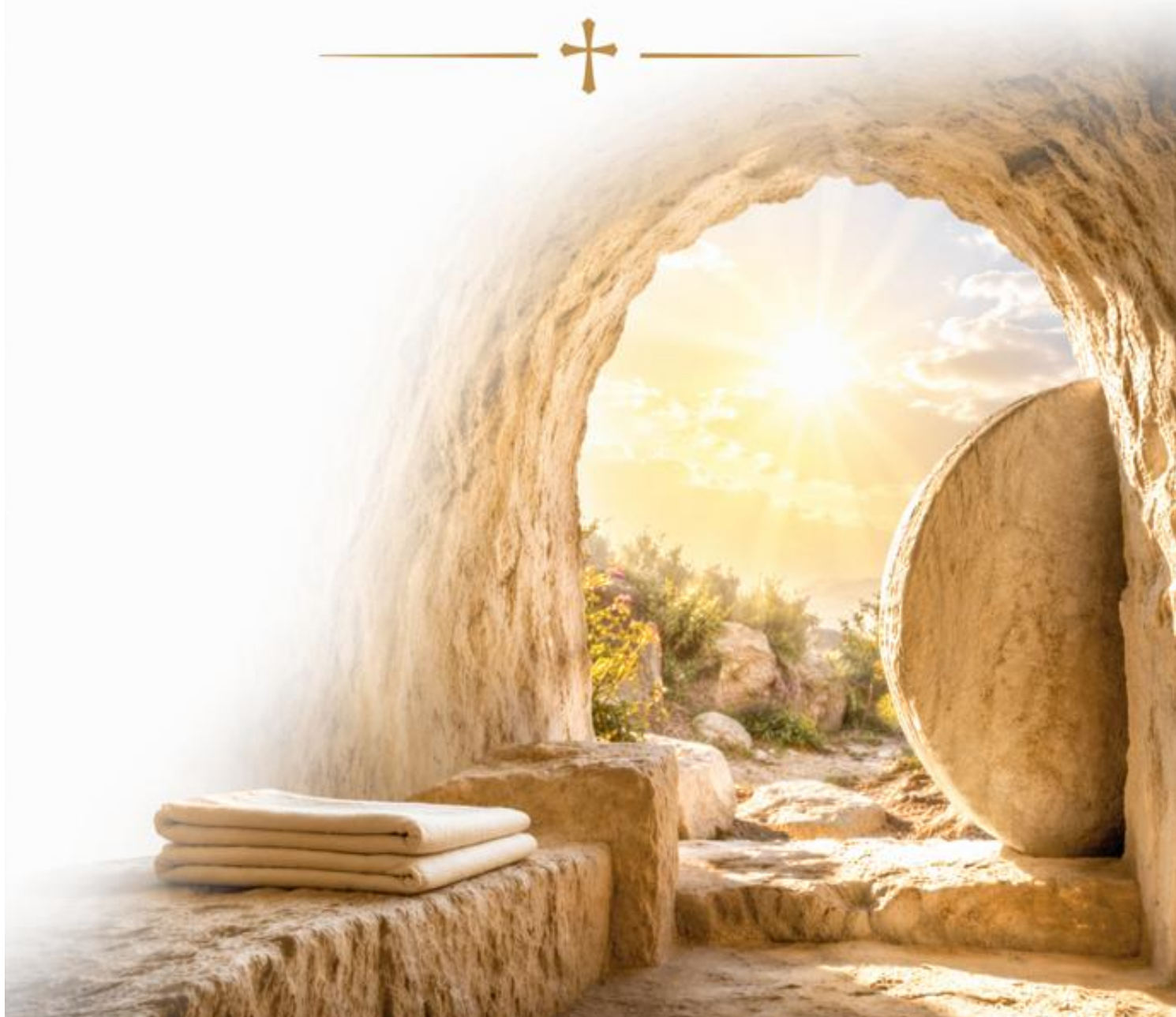


Fairview United Methodist Church

April 19, 2026

60th Anniversary of the Open-Door Sunday School Class

THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
EASTER



Fairview United Methodist Church  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

April 19, 2026

11:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

\*\*Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for  
worship.

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**\*\*PRELUDE**

Gloria

H. Peters

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Even if we feel abandoned and alone,

**People: Christ meets us here.**

Leader: Even when we become lost and disoriented,

**People: Christ rescues us in our need.**

Leader: Even when our hearts are touched by the frost,

**People: Christ warms our spirits.**

Leader: Even when all light has faded to black,

**People: Christ illumines our Way.**

Leader: Here in this house of worship, there is always an Open Door:  
enter, rejoice, and come home.

**ALL: AMEN.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

UMH # 185

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

An Easter Creed

I believe in the God of Easter morning who awakes us from our darkest dreams and leads us into the light of a new day, who meets our pessimism with stunning hope of angelic proclamation. I believe in the God of Easter Day who beats us to the obstacles in our lives and empties the dark tomb for us; who appears in surprising ways when we least expect it; walking with us on our detours. I believe in the God of Easter evening who breaks into our closets and prisons, bringing peace and crushing our fear. I believe

in the risen Lord who meets us with wounds on his hands and feet; who grants us his spirit, sending us out to bring Shalom to the world. **Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**                      Glory Be to the Father                      UMH # 70

**CHOIR ANTHEM**                      The Open Door                      Drennan

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER CHORUS**                      Seek Ye First      (verses 1,2) UMH # 405

**CELEBRATING THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPEN DOOR CLASS**

**\*A PRAYER OF BLESSING AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE OPEN DOOR CLASS**

(MEMBERS OF THE OPEN-DOOR CLASS MAY RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)

**PRAYERS OF PETITION**

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our Prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION** In the Cross of Christ I Glory UMH # 295

**\*GOSPEL READING**                      Luke 24:13-35

**SERMON**                      Slow Resurrection

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

**OFFERTORY**                      Evening Prayer                      S. Otto

**\*DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow      UMH # 94

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SENDING HYMN**                      Trust and Obey                      UMH # 467

## **\*BENEDICTION**

LEADER: As you meet strangers on the road, learn to recognize Christ in your mist.

**PEOPLE: As our hearts burn within us, we will recognize his whispers to our souls.**

LEADER: As you experience Christ in the smile of another, share the love of God with one another.

**PEOPLE: As the scales fall from our eyes, we will see Easter miracles all around us and new doors opening before us.**

Leader: Go with God's blessings.

**ALL: AMEN.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Fantasy in G

A. Sortie

## **ACTIVITIES - April 20 - April 26**

**Today:** Open-Door Luncheon 12:45 P.M.

### **Monday, April 20**

Pantry - 9 A.M.

### **Wednesday, April 22**

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M.

### **Thursday, April 23**

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

### **Friday, April 24**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

### **Sunday, April 26**

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11:00 A.M.

## **VAN DRIVER FOR APRIL 26**

### **Van Request:**

**Greg-- 937- 620-1472**

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

## **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

### **Worship Leader**

John Larsen

### **Greeter**

Shirley McBride

### **Trustee**

Fred Poland

### **Toddler Room Assistant**

Cecelia Long

## **OPEN-DOOR FELLOWSHIP**

Open-Door 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fellowship Luncheon will be today 12:45-2:45 P.M at Marion Pizza, 3443 N. Dixie Drive 45414.

## **KIDS' BIBLE CLASS**

Our *Kid's Bible Class* is a meaningful time where children ages 1-9 learn to listen, and connect with God, through Bible stories, prayer, and fun activities linked to the lesson. After the lesson, they enjoy play that helps them build friendships, practice sharing, and grow in kindness—all in a safe and loving environment led by a Teacher and Attendant.

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

## **DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

We extend our love and sympathy to Carla Hall on the passing of her son, Mark Douglas McCombs, Jr. on March 23, 2026. In the Christian music world, Mark was known as rapper Marq Muziq, and was active in his church, Awakenings Christian Fellowship in Piqua, Ohio. Services were held April 7 in Sidney, Ohio.

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

[Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-34](#), [Psalm 100](#), [1 Peter 2:19-25](#), [John 10:1-10](#)

### **Church Staff**

**Pastor** Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL,

### **Administrative Assistant**

Carol McDougle,

**Director of Music** Michelle Forshaw,

**Church Musician** Nancy Collins,

**Treasurer** Fred Poland,

### **Audio Visual Technician**

Roger Christian,

**Church Custodian** Vance Garner

### **Kids' Bible Class**

**Attendant** Oscar Ndayisaba

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