

# FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 5, 2026



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**FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
*EASTER SUNDAY*

April 5, 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** Variations on Easter Hymn (Edwards)– Chancel bells

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Throughout this Lenten journey, we have walked through the story of broken people.

**People: People who doubted, people who struggled, people who longed for hope.**

Leader: We have seen trust break, faith tested, vision corrected, and hope stretched thin.

**People: Yet God never abandoned the story.**

Leader: From dust, God breathes life. From wilderness, God leads forward. From dry bones, God raises new hope.

**People: And today we see the promise fulfilled.**

**Leader:** The stone is rolled away. The grave is empty. Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is what God does with broken people.

**People:** He answers their cry—deeper than they imagined.

Leader: So come and rejoice! The breath of new life has come.

**People: Let us worship the risen Christ!**

**ALL: AMEN.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today stanzas 1-4 UMH # 302

**\*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.**

<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	Glory Be to the Father	UMH # 70
<b>*CHOIR ANTHEM</b>	Run to the Tomb	Pepper Choplin
<b>*SHARING OF THE PEACE</b>		
<b>PRAYER CHORUS</b>	He Is Lord	UMH # 177

**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**

Up from the Grave He Arose      UMH # 322

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**      John 20:1-18

**SERMON**      *When Life Breaks Through Death*

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

**OFFERTORY**      He is Risen      by G. Stanley

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**HYMNAL 20-22 (MUSICAL SETTING C)**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION. YOU  
DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS OR ANY CHURCH**

**\*SENDING HYMN**                      Crown Him with Many Crowns      UMH # 327

***Those wishing to sing the Hallelujah Chorus should come forward  
during the hymn. Copies are available on the tables in the front.***

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**                      Hallelujah Chorus                      From The Messiah

## **ACTIVITIES - APRIL 5 - APRIL 12**

### **Monday, April 6**

Pantry 9 A.M.

### **Wednesday, April 8**

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6 P.M.

### **Thursday, April 9**

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

### **Friday, April 10**

Pantry 9 A.M.

### **Saturday, April 11**

Men's Meeting at Bob Evans 8:30 A.M.

Pantry & Legal Clinic 10 A.M.

### **Sunday, April 12**

Trustee Meeting 8:30 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

## **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

### **Worship Leader**

Fred Poland

### **Greeter**

Wayne Hounshell

### **Trustee**

Jan Mains

### **Kids' Bible Class Teacher**

Cecelia Long

## **VAN DRIVER FOR APRIL 12**

**Van Request: Wayne -- 937 - 369-7040**

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

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

- Acts 2:14a, 22-32
- Ps 16
- 1 Pet 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31

## **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.

**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.

## **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

### **Kids' Bible Class Attendant**

Oscar Ndayisaba

### **Church Custodian**

Vance Garner