

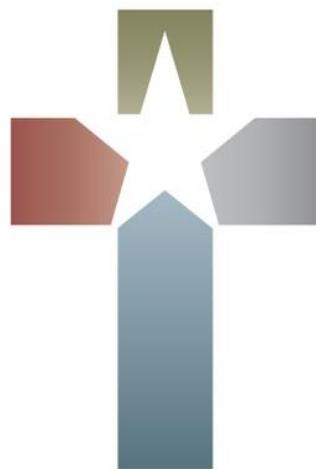
Fairview United Methodist Church

February 8, 2026

5th Sunday After

EPIPHANY

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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.

****PRELUDE**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Gesechke

Chancel Bells

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us out of isolation and into community.

People: We come, longing to belong and to be known.

Leader: Christ gathers us together as one body, many members.

People: We come seeking connection, healing, and hope.

Leader: The Spirit forms us into a people of love and mutual care.

People: We come ready to encourage one another in faith.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who sets the lonely in families.

People: We worship the Lord who makes us one.

ALL: AMEN

CHORAL AMEN

***GATHERING HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Verses 1,2,3

UMH No. 139

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Creed for Epiphany Season**

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us, and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world.

We believe that he will come again. We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever

birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	UMH No. 70
ANTHEM	Shout to the Lord	Zschech

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS Seek Ye First Verses 1 and 2 UMH No. 405

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of relationship and grace, we confess that we often hide our loneliness behind busyness, distraction, and self-reliance. We have pulled away when we needed community, and failed to notice when others were hurting. We have settled for shallow connection instead of the deep fellowship You desire for us. Forgive us for the ways we isolate ourselves and one another. Heal our broken places, and draw us again into authentic, life-giving community in Christ. Amen.

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus vv. 1 & 2 UMH No. 526

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 2:18; John 15:9-17

SERMON

Faith in the Headlines: Following Christ in a Fractured World

Alone Together: Faith in the Loneliness Epidemic

Sermon Series – Week Five Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY	The Gift	S. Purvis
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH No. 94
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
*SENDING HYMN	Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name	UMH No.663
POSTLUDE	March in D	G. Elliott

ACTIVITIES – February 9– February 15

Monday, February 9

Pantry – 9:00 A.M.

SPRC Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 10

UWIF Leadership Meeting 10 A.M.

Wednesday, February 11

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, February 12

Ladies Inter Faith Discussion at

Beth Abraham Synagogue 11 A.M.

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, February 13

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, February 14

Men's Meeting

at Bob Evans 8:30 A.M.

Sunday, February 15

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11:00 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Gerardine Shukuru

Greeter

Shirley McBride

Trustee

Dave Puderbaugh

Toddler Room Assistant

TBD

VAN DRIVER FOR FEBRUARY 15

Van Request:

Cornelio– 937- 623-7951

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT

WEEK

- [Exodus 24:12-18](#)
- [Psalm 2](#)
- [2 Peter 1:16-21](#)
- [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

PRAYER MINISTRY

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

Church Staff

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