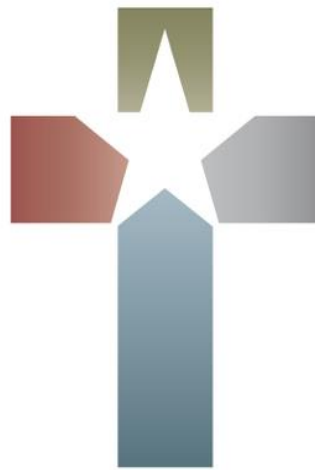


# **Fairview United Methodist Church**

**February 8, 2026**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After**

# EPIPHANY



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Fairview United Methodist Church  
*Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

February 8, 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**

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.

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

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

<b>PRAYER CHORUS</b>	Seek Ye First	Verses 1 and 2	UMH No. 405
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**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

<b>SCRIPTURE LESSON</b>	Genesis 2:18; John 15:9-17
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**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

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	The Gift	S. Purvis
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH No. 94
<b>*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>		
<b>*SENDING HYMN</b>	Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name	UMH No.663
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	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 e Sunday. For those who have spe prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

### **Church Staff**

**Pastor** Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougale, **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