

# Fairview United Methodist Church

April 26, 2026



Fourth  
Sunday of  
Easter

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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**

Aria

G. Peters

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Do you need a guide?

**People: The Lord is our shepherd.**

Leader: Do you need a path to new life?

**People: The Lord is our gate.**

Leader: Do you need rest?

**People: The Lord restores our souls.**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

**ALL: AMEN.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Verses 1,2,4) UMH # 154

**\*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**                      Peace Like a River                      arr. Joel Raney

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER CHORUS**                      Surely the Presence of the Lord                      UMH # 328

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL: Loving Shepherd, even when we stray, we long to be gathered to your side. Even when we strive to find our own way, we yearn to return to your fold and rest secure in your gentle arms. Even when we bleat our resistance, we seek your guidance and direction in our lives. Be our gate, our way to safe havens, where we can always find our way home and dwell secure in your love. 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**

Breathe on me Breath of God UMH # 420

**\*GOSPEL READING**

John 10:1-10

**SERMON**

*The Voices We Follow*

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

**OFFERTORY**

Sarabande

G. Fisher

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** Standing on the Promises (Verses 1,3,4) UMH # 374

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Hymn of Praise

C. Lovelace

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Today's altar flowers are given by the Thompson family in memory of Richard Thompson.*

## **ACTIVITIES - April 26 - May 3**

**Today:** Faith Class Spring Fling Party  
after worship service.

### **Monday, April 27**

Pantry - 9 A.M.

UWIF Circle Meeting 1:30 P.M.

### **Wednesday, April 29**

Food Truck Delivery 11:00 A.M.

Volunteers are needed to help unload.

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M.

### **Thursday, April 30**

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

### **Friday, May 1**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

### **Sunday, May 3**

Trustee Meeting 8:30 A.M.

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**

MaryBeth Wyss

### **Greeter**

Mike Zuber

### **Trustee**

Mike Zuber

### **Toddler Room Assistant**

Jackie Mergler

## **FAITH CLASS SPRING FLING PARTY**

After the worship service today, our Faith Class will have a Spring Fling Party. A light lunch will be served at the party. Everyone is invited.

## **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.

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Acts 7:55-60, Ps 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Pet 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

## **VAN DRIVER FOR MAY 3**

### **Van Request:**

**John-- 937- 277-6387**

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

### **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