



JULY 26, 2026



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FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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.

PRELUDE

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

By Brian Doerksen, arranged by Larry Shackley

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: God's goodness and mercy are sure.

Leader: Sing to the Spirit, for the Spirit is here.

People: The Spirit knows the ache for connection deep within us.

Leader: Praise Christ Jesus, who loves us

People: with a love that is boundless and true.

Leader: Give thanks to God, and sing God's praise,

People: as we worship together this day.

ALL: AMEN.

***GATHERING HYMN** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord UMH # 540

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed UMH # 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy

catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Where Children Belong TFWS # 2233
Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS O Lord, Hear My Prayer TFWS # 2200

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of mystery and majesty, we long to understand your ways, yet your wisdom is greater than our own. Forgive us when impatience and doubt weaken our trust. Grant us perseverance when your promises seem delayed, and help us rest in the truth that nothing can separate us from your love, mercy, and grace. Through Christ our Lord. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Yesu, Ndeko na Bolingo
A Lingala Hymn by Art Mehaffey, vocalist

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN** We All Are One in Mission TFWS # 2243

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Beloved ones, go now to love.

People: We will grow God's realm.

Leader: Beloved of God, go to proclaim Christ's grace.

People: We will be vessels of mercy and live in the Spirit.

ALL: AMEN.

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Judith Mathes in loving memory of Phil Mathes.

ACTIVITIES: JULY 27 – AUGUST 2

Monday, July 27

Pantry 9 A.M.

Wednesday, July 29

Pantry 6 P.M.

Friday, July 31

Pantry 9 A.M.

Sunday, August 2

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Jerry Gribler

Pianist

Sherri Sutter

Greeter

Mike Zuber

Trustee

Mike Zuber

Kids' Bible Class Teacher

Jackie Mergler

VAN DRIVER FOR AUGUST 2

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!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- [Genesis 32:22-31](#)
- [Psalms 17:1-7, 15](#)
- [Romans 9:1-5](#)
- [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

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.

SECRETARY OUT OF OFFICE

Note: I will be out of the office from July 29 – August 9. Please contact Fred for immediate assistance.

Church Staff

Pastor Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougale,
Director of Music Michelle Forshaw, **Treasurer** Fred Poland, **Audio Visual Technician** Roger Christian, **Kids' Bible Class Attendant** Oscar Ndayisaba,
Church Custodian Vance Garner