

MAY 21, 2023



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FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter /Ascension

May 21, 2023

11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Leader: God has made us whole.

People: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

People: Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully.

ALL: AMEN.

*GATHERING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

UMH # 145

*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

"Rise on Wings of Hope" Brian Carr, arr. by Dennis Allen
Chancel Choir & Solo- Sherri Sutter

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER CHORUS

“He Is Lord”

UMH # 177

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: We have to confess, O Lord, that we are people who want to have everything proven for us. We hear the message in the scripture of Jesus’ ascension, and we smile smugly, not truly believing the vision. Forgive us for our arrogant doubts and attitudes of smugness. Help us remember that everything Jesus taught us was to prepare us to help build God’s realm here on earth. We are called to be people of faith, not of absolute proof, as we understand it. Let us place our trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Let us look with eyes of faith as he ascends to the Father. We pray in his Name, 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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION

“Wonderful Words of Life” UMH # 600

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

Easter Encounters 5: A Word of Commission

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN** “Freely, Freely” UMH # 389

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ACTIVITIES - MAY 22 - MAY 28

Monday, May 22

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

UWIF Meeting 1:30 P.M.

SPRC Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, May 24

Renewal Hour 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Friday, May 26

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, May 28

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Sherri Sutter

Greeter

Wayne Hounshell

Trustee

Mike Zuber

Toddler Room Assistant

Terri Hoernemann

VAN DRIVER FOR MAY 28

Van Request:

Greg -- 937- 620-1472 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 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthian 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

PRAAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. See Joyce Barrier if interested.

UWIF MEETING MAY 22, 2023

Fairview United Women In Faith will meet at 1:30 P.M., on Monday, May 22, 2023. All women of Fairview are encouraged to attend.

Pastor

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

Administrative Assistant

Carol McDougale

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Carol Chatfield

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