

***Fairview United Methodist Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023***



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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

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: The Holy One inhabits all eternity and everything that is, or was, or ever will be.

Leader: God is the source, guide, and goal of our lives.

People: We acknowledge God as the center of our lives and of our world, not ourselves.

Leader: We come today to worship God.

People: We come with thanks and praise.

Leader: Let us humble ourselves before God’s holy presence.

People: May God teach us the ways of life as we pray.

ALL: AMEN.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

UMH # 715

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

UMH # 881

*GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

UMH # 70

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Look at the World”

John Rutter
Chancel Choir

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS

“Sanctuary”

TFWS # 2164

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We think we are ready for all events that will come our way. But we are rarely ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. We have moved you to a time on our weekly calendars. Yet you are the eternal God who has always loved us and been ready to receive us. Help us to learn that, with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. With you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Let us look at the priorities in our lives and see where we have placed service to you. 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**

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

UMH # 601

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON

Getting Ready for the Big Day

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”

Edward Broughton

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

UMH # 396

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Hymn to Joy”

Beethoven/ Broughton

ACTIVITIES - NOV. 13 - NOV. 19

Monday, November 13

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, November 14

UWIF Leadership Meeting 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, November 15

Food Truck Delivery between Noon and 1:00 P. M.

Hope Road 2:00 P.M.

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

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

Thursday, November 16

Chancel Bell Rehearsal 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, November 17

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, November 19

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Pastor

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

Administrative Assistant

Carol McDougle

Director of Music

Carol Chatfield

Church Musician

Michele Delduca

Treasurer

Fred Poland

Pantry Resource Coordinator

Donna McCoy

Audio Visual Technician

Roger Christian

Toddler Room Attendant

Oscar Ndayisaba

Building Maintenance

Nelson Clair

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Pam Hounshell

Greeter

Debbie Arnold

Trustee

Dave Puderbaugh

Toddler Room Assistant

Terri Hoernemann

VAN DRIVER FOR NOVEMBER 19

Van Request: Art-- 937- 279-0650

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123 or Psalm 76

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

FOOD PANTRY TRUCK DELIVERY

Food Pantry truck on Wednesday, November 15 between Noon & 1:00 P.M. Volunteers are needed to help unload.

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.