FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 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

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY *CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus commands us: Love one another.

People: As Christ has loved us, so we are to love.

Leader: Let us build relationships that reflect His heart.

People: In community, we flourish and thrive.

Leader: Let us worship the One who binds us together in love!

ALL: AMEN

*GATHERING HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth UMH # 92

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC

No More Night

Words and Music By: Walt Harrah

(Based on Hebrew 11:13-16 and Revelation 21)

Soloist: Kylene Terhune

Piano: Sherri Sutter

PSALTER READING

Psalm 112

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER CHORUS

He Has Made Me Glad

TFWS # 2270

Refrain He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. (Repeat)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of compassion, we confess that our relationships are often strained. We withhold love, carry grudges, and build walls instead of bridges. Forgive us for the ways we have failed to love one another as You have loved us. Teach us to build relationships that reflect Your grace. 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

Bind Us Together

TFWS # 2226

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:34

SERMON

Flourish and Thrive Sermon Series

Week 5: Relationships Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*SENDING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH # 557

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ACTIVITIES -SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 7

Monday, Sept. 1 Labor Day Holiday Office & Pantry Closed

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Pantry Truck Delivery 11:00 A.M. Pantry 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, Sept. 4

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, Sept. 5 Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, Sept. 7

Trustee Mtg. 8:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

UMCH Family

United Methodist Children's Home 5th Sunday Offering TODAY

Church Staff

Pastor

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

Administrative Assistant

Carol McDougle

Director of Music

Michelle Forshaw

Church Musician

Nancy Collins

Treasurer

Fred Poland

Pantry Resource

Coordinator

Donna McCoy

Audio Visual Technician

Roger Christian

Childcare Attendant

Oscar Ndayisaba

Church Custodian

Vance Garner

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leaders

Duke Lunsford

Trustee

Jan Mains

Greeter

Wayne Hounshell

Child Care Assistant

Pam Hounshell

VAN DRIVER FOR SEPT. 7

Van Request: John -- 937-277-6387

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

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For special prayer requests, please see the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Philemon 1-21
- Luke 14:25-33

RENEWAL HOUR - SAVE THE DATE

Renewal Hour will begin again on **September 10** at 3:30 P.M. on Zoom and in person in the church library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BREAD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Remember to bring your bread next Sunday September 7 and every 1st Sunday for our food pantry.

PANTRY FOOD TRUCK DELIVERY

Pantry food truck delivery Wednesday, September 3, at 11:00 A.M. Please volunteer to help unload & restock.

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