FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 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

In Thee is Gladness

JS Bach

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

People: Thus says our God, the Holy One.

Leader: Be glad and rejoice in this new creation.

People: Celebrate all that is coming to you.

Leader: For your weeping shall be met with rejoicing.

People: And your suffering will be overtaken by new life.

Leader: You shall build homes and live in them;

People: plant gardens and eat from them.

Leader: Whenever you call, I will answer.

People: When you cry out, I will come.

Leader: Heaven and earth will be filled with my peace.

People: Everything will become a new creation.

ALL: AMEN.

CHORAL AMEN

*GATHERING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory (verses 1,2,4) UMH # 577

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed

UMH # 881

*GLORIA PATRI
CHOIR ANTHEM

Glory Be to the Father

UMH # 70

How Majestic Is Your Name with Holy Holy

(Smith, arr. Taylor)

*SHARING OF THE PEACE PRAYER CHORUS

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love TFWS # 2223

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: O God, we want to be strong, but are often not. We wish we could be unaffected by the world and give all our anxiety away. And yet, we hold onto our worries and fears, as if they could bring us comfort, the way you do. We want to be brave and have the courage to release the trappings of this world, to reach for something that is really real. When the world falls apart around us; when we don't know where to start to heal it; when we turn to things that never satisfy, help us place our trust in you. Keep our hearts from being idle and our souls from giving in to despair, for you are just waiting to bring new life. 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

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 1 and 2) UMH # 64

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

SERMON

Hope that Holds

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY

Lift Up your Heads

J. Whitby

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH # 94

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***SENDING HYMN** My Hope Is Built (verses 1,3,4)

UMH # 368

*BENEDICTION

Leader: People of God, the Lord calls.

People: We shall answer-

embracing new life, blessed peace,

and a love that has no end.

ALL: AMEN.

POSTLUDE March Pontificale

T. Evans

ACTIVITIES - NOV. 17 - NOV. 23

Monday, November 17

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, November 19

Pantry Truck Delivery 11:00 A.M. Please volunteer to help unload & restock. Renewal Hour 3:30 P.M. Pantry 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, November 20

Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir 7:15 P.M.

Friday, November 21

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, November 23

Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 A.M. Kid's Bible Class 11:00 A.M.

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

Kid's Bible Class

Attendant

Oscar Ndayisaba

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Sherri Sutter

Greeters

Shirley McBride

Trustee

Fred Poland

Kid's Bible Class Teacher

Jackie Mergler

VAN DRIVER FOR NOVEMBER 23

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!

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

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Psalm 46
- **Colossians 1:11-20**
- Luke 23:33-43

KID'S 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.



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