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United Methodist Church

July 12, 2026



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# FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

July 12, 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.

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**PRELUDE**                      Song of Joy                      by Christopher Boodle

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Word of God is sown among us today.

**People: May our hearts be open to receive it.**

Leader: Some seeds fall upon hardened paths, some among stones, some among thorns.

**People: Break up the hard places within us, O God.**

Leader: Remove the stones that keep our faith shallow.

**People: Free us from the worries and distractions that choke your truth.**

Leader: Plant your Word deeply within us.

**People: That our lives may bear fruit for your kingdom.**

**All: Let us worship God. AMEN.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**    O Word of God Incarnate    UMH # 598

**\*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

Susie Kurtz

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER CHORUS**      O Lord, Hear My Prayer      TFWS # 2200

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:** Holy God, we want to be your perfect children. But we are far from perfect. In our yearning, we're as likely to settle for second best or to reach for things that seem so right but ultimately draw us further away from you. Help us choose the better portion. Give us the courage to grow as disciples in your word, even when it seems hard. And when the thorns and weeds begin choking us, resuscitate us with your grace, revive us with your love, and reclaim us as your children, imperfect though we may be. In grateful hope, we pray. 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**

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH # 601

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**      Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**SERMON**      *What's Choking Your Soul?*      Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

**OFFERTORY**      Be Thou My Vision      8th century Irish tune

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 94

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing UMH # 671

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: As children of God's promises,

**People: we will bring God's promised love to the world.**

Leader: As recipients of Christ's peace,

**People: we will bring Christ's peace to the world.**

Leader: Blessed by the Holy Spirit,

**People: we will bless everyone we meet.**

**ALL: AMEN.**

**POSTUDE**

Fanfare

by Antonio Soler

### **ACTIVITIES: JULY 13 - JULY 19**

#### **Monday, July 13**

Pantry 9 A.M.

SPRC Meeting 6 P.M.

#### **Wednesday, July 15**

Pantry 6 P.M.

#### **Friday, July 17**

Pantry Open 9 A.M.

#### **Sunday, July 19**

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

### **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

#### **Worship Leader**

Judith Mathes

#### **Guest Organist**

Priscilla Acuff

#### **Greeter**

Barbara Rowlands

#### **Trustee**

Dave Puderbaugh

#### **Kids' Bible Class Teacher**

Susie Kurtz

### **VAN DRIVER FOR JULY 19**

#### **Van Request: Cornelio -- 937 - 623-7951**

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 28:10-19a](#)
- [Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24](#)
- [Romans 8:12-25](#)
- [Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43](#)

### **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.

### **Church Staff**

**Pastor** Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougle, **Director of Music** Michelle Forshaw, **Treasurer** Fred Poland,

**Audio Visual Technician** Roger Christian, **Kids' Bible Class Attendant**

Oscar Ndavisaba, **Church Custodian** Vance Garner