

Fairview United Methodist Church
September 20, 2026



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FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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.

PRELUDE

Pavanne

Cesar Franck

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When Jonah saw God show mercy to Nineveh, he grumbled.
The Lord met his anger with patience and compassion.

People: In our life journeys, we will give thanks for the providence of the Holy One.

Leader: In their daily work, the laborers in the field grumbled with resentment over gracious giving.

People: In our daily lives, we will rejoice at generosity shown to others.

Leader: As we seek to live our lives by the example of Christ, may we delight in God's grace.

People: We will offer caring presence and abundant generosity. We will even endeavor to give up our grumbling.

All: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

We Sing to You, O God TFWS # 2001

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Based on Matthew 18)

We believe in a God who calls us to be a people of reconciliation, reflecting the love and grace of Christ in all our relationships. Guided by the teachings of Jesus, we affirm the importance of seeking peace and understanding within our families, our communities, and our nation.

We believe that true faith is lived out in the pursuit of harmony, where conflicts are addressed with honesty, love, and a commitment to restoration. We affirm that God is present when we gather in the spirit of reconciliation, leading us toward unity and healing.

We commit ourselves to the work of mending broken relationships, building bridges where there are divides, and fostering a spirit of forgiveness and compassion. We believe that in doing so, we embody the light of Christ, bringing hope and peace to a world in need. This is our faith: rooted in love, expressed in grace, and lived out in the pursuit of reconciliation for the glory of God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** Glory Be to the Father UMH # 70
CHOIR ANTHEM Come with Joyful Singing (J. Martin)

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**
PRAYER CHORUS

Healer of Our Every Ill – TFWS #2213, v. 1 only

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Our greatest hope, O God, is to love as Jesus did, with grace and compassion. Clear the wandering paths of our minds and hearts, that your Spirit may fill us with grace to receive and share your blessings. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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** Amazing Grace UMH # 378

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Jonah 3:10-4:11

SERMON *Is It Right to Be Angry?* Rev. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY Hallelujah Leonard Cohen

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN**

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

TFWS # 2140

***BENEDICTION**

POSTUDE

March Pontifical

Charles Gonoud

ACTIVITIES: SEPT. 21 – SEPT. 27

Monday, Sept. 21

Pantry 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6 P.M.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, Sept. 25

Pantry 9 A.M.

Sunday, Sept. 27

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT

LEADERS

Worship Leader

Duke Lundsford

Greeter

Wayne Hounshell

Trustee

Fred Poland

Kids' Bible Class Teacher

Jackie Mergler

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – A JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Fairview & Grace UM Churches invite everyone to join us at

10:30 A.M. on Sunday, October 4, at Grace UM Church,

1001 Harvard Blvd, Dayton, OH 45406, for a joint

World Communion Service.

Following the service, enjoy a time of fellowship and a Potluck-style meal with food from both churches.

A sign-up sheet will be available next Sunday for you to list the food item you plan to bring.

VAN DRIVER FOR SEPT. 27

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

[Exodus 17:1-7](#), [Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16](#), [Philippians 2:1-13](#), [Matthew 21:23-32](#)

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 McDougale, **Director of Music** Michelle Forshaw, **Church Musician**, Barbara Kaskinen, **Treasurer** Fred Poland, **Audio Visual Technician** Roger Christian, **Kids' Bible Class Attendant** Oscar Ndayisaba, **Church Custodian** Vance Garner