



FAIRVIEW

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

ASCENSION  
*Sunday*



Fairview United Methodist Church  
*Ascension Sunday*

May 17, 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** God's Love J. Albany

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Look to the heavens, people of God.

**People: See the power of the Most High God.**

Leader: Christ ascends to heaven in glory.

**People: Shout to God with cries of joy.**

Leader: Clap your hand, children of Love incarnate.

**People: Sing praises to God, our king.**

**ALL: AMEN.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** Ye Servants of God verses 1,2,4 UMH # 181

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Creed for Ascension Sunday*

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might, honor, and glory, and blessing! He was revealed in the flesh, declared righteous by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, and taken up in glory. In his own time, He will come again. All praise to our Sovereign God, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, dwelling in unapproachable light, unseen by human eyes. To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** Glory Be to the Father UMH # 70

**CHOIR ANTHEM** Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky (Healy)

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER CHORUS** Sweet, Sweet Spirit UMH # 334

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Merciful God, we yearn for the promise of your glorious inheritance, but settle for less. We long to see with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we might aspire to the glories of Christ above. Teach us anew to wait for your Holy Spirit, that we may be clothed with power on high. In the name of the one who ascended to heaven to show us the way to live here on earth, 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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy      UMH # 121

## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

## SERMON

*Joy in Transition*

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

## OFFERTORY

Aria

J. Peters

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

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**\*SENDING HYMN** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want      UMH # 136

## \*BENEDICTION

Leader: Lift your eyes to the heavens.

**People: We lift them to the one who ascended in glory.**

Leader: Trust the power of God's Holy Spirit.

**People: We embrace the one who clothe us with power.**

Leader: Go as witnesses of the risen Lord.

**People: We celebrate the one who bring us eternal life.**

**All: Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

Litany in G

G. Young

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Dorothy Thompson with love by the Thompson family.

## **ACTIVITIES - May 18 - May 24**

### **Monday, May 18**

Pantry - 9 A.M.

### **Tuesday, May 19**

UWIF Circle Meeting 1:30 P.M.

### **Wednesday, May 20**

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6 P.M.

### **Thursday, May 21**

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

### **Friday, May 22**

Last Day of K.I.

Pantry 9 A.M.

### **Sunday, May 24**

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

## **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

### **Worship Leader**

Judy Gebhart

### **Greeter**

Wayne Hounshell

### **Trustee**

Fred Poland

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

Terri Hoernemann

## **VAN DRIVER FOR MAY 24**

**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**

[Numbers 11:24-30](#), [Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#), [Acts 2:1-21](#), [John 20:19-23](#)

## **ALL GRADUATES**

Please send the names of your graduates to the church office. If you have a high school, college, or university graduate that you would like to be recognized, please send a picture, the name of the school they are graduating from, and a sentence or two about their future plans, if applicable, to the church office for the June Columns. This information is needed by May 18, 2026.

## **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**

Nancy Collins

#### **Treasurer**

Fred Poland

#### **Audio Visual Technician**

Roger Christian

#### **Church Custodian**

Vance Garner

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

#### **Attendant**

Oscar Ndayisaba

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