

Fairview United Methodist Church



5th Sunday AFTER EASTER



May 3, 2026

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FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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 Holy Manna (Thompson) – Chancel Bells

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come to Christ, our cornerstone.

People: Christ has called us here.

Leader: Trust in God, our firm foundation.

People: God is with us here.

Leader: Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.

People: May the Spirit guide our way.

ALL: AMEN.

CHORAL RESPONSE

***GATHERING HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation Verses 1,2,3 UMH # 529

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** An Easter Creed

I believe in the God of Easter morning who awakes us from our darkest dreams and leads us into the light of a new day, who meets our pessimism with stunning hope of angelic proclamation. I believe in the God of Easter Day who beats us to the obstacles in our lives and empties the dark tomb for us; who appears in surprising ways when we least expect it; walking with us on our detours. I believe in the God of Easter evening who breaks into our closets and prisons, bringing peace and crushing our fear. I believe in the risen Lord who meets us with wounds on his hands and feet; who grants us his spirit, sending us out to bring Shalom to the world. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI** Glory Be to the Father UMH # 70
CHOIR ANTHEM Follow the Way of the Lord (Larson)
***SHARING OF THE PEACE**
PRAYER CHORUS Surely the Presence of the Lord UMH # 328

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Mighty God, we want to be brave, but it's tempting to be small and afraid. Lift us up when we fall down. Protect us from our own doubts and fears. Shine your face upon us with mercy and grace, that we might find the courage and strength to be steadfast and faithful, loving and righteous. Be our strong foundation, so that we may grow up as your household, your family, and your people of justice, love, and mercy. In hope and gratitude, 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**

Take Time to Be Holy Verses 1 and 4 UMH # 395

***GOSPEL READING**

John 14:1-14

SERMON

Greater Works? Really? Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY

Morning Praise

T. Gates

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH # 94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH # 17-18 (Musical Setting A)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION.
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS OR ANY CHURCH.**

***SENDING HYMN** Jesus Calls Us Verses 1 and 5 UMH # 398

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Litany J. Alain

ACTIVITIES - May 4- May 10

Monday, May 4

Pantry 9 A.M.

Tuesday, May 5

Election Day

Wednesday, May 6

Renewal Hour 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6 P.M.

Thursday, May 7

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, May 8

Pantry 9 A.M.

Saturday, May 9

Men's Mtg. at Bob Evans 8:30 A.M.

Pantry 10 A.M.

Sunday, May 10

Church Council Mtg. in the

Library 8:30 A.M.

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

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

Kids' Bible Class Attendant

Oscar Ndayisaba

Church Custodian

Vance Garner

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Dave Wyss

Greeter

Debbie Arnold

Trustee

Jan Mains

Kids' Bible Class Teacher

Terri Hoernemann

VAN DRIVER FOR MAY 10

Van Request: Wayne -- 937 - 369-7040

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 17:22-31

Ps 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13- 22

John 14:15-21

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.

KIDS' 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.