

Fairview United Methodist Church

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026



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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

He Shall Feed His Flock

G.F. Handel

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come to us, O God.

People: Breathe through our worship with your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Fill us with your faithful love.

People: Guide us with your ancient teachings.

Leader: Come to us, O God.

People: Be in our prayer and praise.

All: Amen.

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***GATHERING HYMN**

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH # 600

***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

CHOIR ANTHEM

O God, We Worship You

(V. Johnson)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Where Children Belong

TFWS # 2233
Pam Hounshell

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS

I Love You, Lord

TFWS # 2068

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: O God, our help and hope, you have been with us from the first moment of creation, forming and teaching us to be your people, to walk in your ways, and to live in your love. Open our hearts to hear your Word, especially when it challenges us to see ourselves and our world differently. Come back quickly to us when we turn away. Give us your compassion and mercy when we feel lost and forsaken. Fill us with your faithful love and your generous kindness, that our lives may be full and fulfilling, and that the work of our hands may be your work in the world. In your loving name, we pray. 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**

O Word of God Incarnate UMH # 598 (v. 1, 3, 4)

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Nehemiah 8:1-12

SERMON

FALL SERMON SERIES

Why We Worship This Way

Week Three

"Why Do We Listen to an Old Book?" Rev. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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As the Deer

Martin J. Nystrom

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH # 664

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: As beloved children of God,

People: let us go forth to bring God's love to the world.

Leader: Having heard God's Word,

People: let us go forth to live what we have heard following Christ in love, justice, and grace.

ALL: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia Vivace George Phillippe Telemann

ALTAR FLOWERS Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of
Bob & Pat Withers by Dave & MaryBeth Wyss.

ACTIVITIES: OCT. 26 - NOV. 1

Monday, Oct. 26

Pantry 9 A.M.

UWIF Circle Meeting 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Pantry Truck Delivery 11 A.M.

Volunteers are needed to help unload.

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6 P.M.

Thursday, Oct. 29

Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, Oct. 30

Pantry 9 A.M.

Sunday, Nov. 1

Daylight Saving Time ends

Trustee Meeting 8:30 A.M.

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Sherri Sutter

Greeters

John & Lilia Shoemaker

Trustee

Mike Zuber

Kids' Bible Class Teacher

Susie Kurtz

VAN DRIVER FOR NOV. 1

Van Request: John 937-277-6387

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOV. 1

Please submit the name of your loved one who has passed away **in the past year** to the church office. Each name will be read aloud and a candle lit in their memory as we give thanks for their life. We will also celebrate the Holy Sacrament of Communion.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR WEEK OF NOV. 1

- [Joshua 3:7-17](#)
- [Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37](#)
- [1 Thessalonians 2:9-13](#)
- [Matthew 23:1-12](#)

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