

# Fairview United Methodist Church

March 15, 2026



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Fairview United Methodist Church  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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**

Meditation

V. Williams

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come into the light of God.

**People: Christ's brightness will guide our way.**

Leader: Come into the wisdom of God.

**People: The Spirit's insight will reveal new truths.**

Leader: Come into the praise of God,

**People: Worship opens new doors in our hearts.**

**ALL: AMEN**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

Open My Eyes That I May See UMH # 454

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Lenten Creed*

*We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,  
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.*

*We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,  
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.*

*We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God  
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.*

*We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,  
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.*

*We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,  
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.*

*We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,  
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.*

*This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.*

*Amen*

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

**ANTHEM**                              The Lord Is My Shepherd                      Thomas Matthews

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER CHORUS**                      Spirit of the Living God                      UMH # 393

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL: Christ our Healer, we want to see and be seen fully. We long to heal  
and be healed fully. We yearn to love and be loved fully. Yet, these  
desires seem beyond our reach when our minds are set on earthly things.  
Set our minds instead on you. Help us perceive the possibilities of  
fullness, of shalom, of your realm on this earth. Then guide us to help  
live into the reality you show us. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee vs. 1 & 2      UMH # 452

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      1 Samuel 16:1-13

**SERMON**                              *When We Look for the Wrong Things*

From Dust to Breath: What God Does with Broken People

Sermon Series – Week Four                      Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

**OFFERTORY**                              Aria in C                              B. Vaughan

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH # 95

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH # 299

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: As Christ's light has led us here,

**People: so now Christ's light leads us into the world.**

Leader: Go with the light, go to be light.

**People: We will brighten the world with God's love.**

**ALL: AMEN.**

**POSTLUDE**

Fanfare in G

A. Scott

## **ACTIVITIES – March 16 – March 22**

### **Monday, March 16**

Pantry – 9 A.M.

### **Wednesday, March 18**

Food Truck Delivery 11:00 A.M.

Volunteers are needed to help unload.

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M.

### **Thursday, March 19**

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

### **Friday, March 20**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

### **Sunday, March 22**

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11:00 A.M.

## **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

### **Worship Leader**

Sherri Sutter

### **Greeter**

Wayne Hounshell

### **Trustee**

Fred Poland

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

Cecelia Long

## **VAN DRIVER FOR MARCH 22**

**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**

- [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)
- [Psalm 130](#)
- [Romans 8:6-11](#)
- [John 11:1-45](#)

## **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.

## **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