

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
*Pentecost*



JUNE 28, 2026

*“The Lord  
is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.”*

PSALM 23:1



*Fairview*  
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# FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

June 28, 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** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee with Praise God from  
Whom All Blessings Flow & To God Be the Glory arr. Linda McKechnie

## **WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When the Lord seems far away,

**People: may we place our faith in God.**

Leader: When God's face is hidden from us,

**People: may we put our trust in God's steadfast love.**

Leader: When our souls bear the pain of earthly trials,

**People: may we seek God's strength, lest we break.**

Leader: Let us place our trust in God's goodness and mercy.

**People: Our hearts rejoice in God's salvation.**

**ALL: AMEN.**

### **\*GATHERING HYMN**

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

UMH # 142

**\*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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Where Children Belong

TFWS # 2233

Cecelia Long

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER CHORUS** I Sing Praises to Your Name

TFWS # 2037

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL: Merciful God, as we travel the difficult paths of life, it is easy to forget that you are always there, even when we feel abandoned and alone. Help us move beyond our anguish, Holy One, that we might set aside our self-absorption, even as we seek your salvation. Lead us in the ways of life, for we yearn to feel your presence amid our deepest despair. Elevate our hearts and minds above our fear and doubt, that we may embrace your grace and mercy. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE 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**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** By the Rivers of Babylon (Jamaican Folk Song)  
Words from Psalm 137 & Part of Psalm 19 Art Mehaffey, Soloist

**\*SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 22:1-14 Read by Carlos Reece

**SERMON** *The Ram in the Thicket* Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

**OFFERTORY** Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide) Merla Watson

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** This Is My Song UMH # 437

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: Even when the Lord seems far away and our faith is sorely tested,

**People: we will put our trust in God's steadfast love.**

Leader: Even when our souls bear the pain of earthly trials  
and our strengths seems to slip away,

**People: we will trust God's goodness and mercy.**

Leader: Even when we question God's presence in our lives  
and our hearts feel heavy with fear,

**People: we go forth as those sanctified with eternal life.**

Leader: Go with God.

**ALL: AMEN.**

**POSTLUDE**

Allegro Maesto, by George Frederick Handel

## **ACTIVITIES: JUNE 28 - JULY 5**

### **Today:**

Bake Sale After Worship Service

### **Monday, June 29**

Pantry 9 A.M.

UWIF Peace Museum Tour 2:30 P.M.

### **Wednesday, July 1**

Pantry 6 P.M.

### **Friday, July 3**

Pantry Open 9 A.M.

### **Sunday, July 5**

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

### **Guest Organist**

Priscilla Acuff

### **Greeter**

Shirley McBride

### **Trustee**

Fred Poland

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

Cecelia Long

## **VAN DRIVER FOR JULY 5**

**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!

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

- [Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:10-17](#)
- [Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30](#)

## **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.



United  
Women  
in Faith

## **BAKE SALE – TODAY**

Homemade baked goods needed for United Women in Faith Bake Sale. Sunday, June 28. Call Judith M. to volunteer 937.286.2233.

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Everyone, please plan to buy **YUMMY** baked goods immediately after church today. All proceeds support missions. Thank you!

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## **PEACE MUSEUM TOUR MONDAY, JUNE 29**

UWIF Peace Museum Tour 2:30 P.M. ALL friends of peace are invited to this guided tour. Located at 10 N Ludlow St (on Courthouse Square).

### **Church Staff**

**Pastor** Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougale, **Director of**

**Music** Michelle Forshaw, **Treasurer** Fred Poland, **Audio Visual Technician** Roger Christian,

**Kids' Bible Class Attendant** Oscar Ndayisaba, **Church Custodian** Vance Garner