

# Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church

## Our Vision Statement

*To be a joyful, welcoming community  
igniting hearts and minds for God's work.*

a Reconciling Congregation

April 21, 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

10:30am

### **Welcome to worship at Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church!**

#### **We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today.**

- Our service will be livestreamed. If you are concerned about your image on the livestream, the greeters can assist in finding a place to sit not visible by camera.
- We want to pray with you. Feel free to complete a prayer card located in the pew in front of you and place into the offering plate when passed, or give to an usher.
- HEARING AIDS AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS are available for those who prefer. Our ushers are happy to assist you.
- Nursery care is available for children ages 5 and under. The nursery is located off of the Wesley Room, west of the sanctuary. Our ushers are happy to assist you.
- If you are sitting at the end of a pew, please mark your name in the attendance pad and pass along to others in the pew.
- Gender inclusive and family bathrooms are available for all. Our ushers are happy to assist you.

PRELUDE

*Pavana Philippi*

J.P. Sweelinck

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Welcome, Happy Morning!*  
Adult Choir

Frances R. Havergal

\*PRAYER OF INVITATION †

O most high, omnipotent, good Lord God,  
to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing.  
For our brother the sun, who is our day and who brings us the light,  
who is fair, and radiant with a very great splendor;

***Praised be our Lord.***

For our sister the moon, and for the stars,  
which you have set clear and lovely in heaven;  
For our brother the wind,  
and for air and clouds, calms and all weather;

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For our sister water,  
    who serves us and is humble and precious and chaste;  
For our brother fire, by whom you light up the night,  
    and who is fair and merry, and very mighty and strong;  
For our mother the earth, who sustains us and keeps us,  
    and brings forth various fruits,  
    and flowers of many colors, and grass;  
For all those who pardon one another for your love's sake,  
    and who bear weakness and tribulation;  
Blessed are they who peaceably shall endure,  
    walking by your most holy will;  
    for you, O Most High, shall give them a crown.

***Praise and bless the Lord,  
and give thanks unto God,  
and serve God with great humility. Amen.***

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let us greet each other in the name of the Risen Christ. Peace be with you.  
***And also with you.***

**\*HYMN**

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

UMH No. 121

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*Children are invited to come forward as parents are comfortable.  
Please note that children who come forward may be visible on the livestream.*

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Heritage Ringers

arr. Cathy Moglebust

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH No. 92—vs 6

*For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

**\*PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**\*HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Love's Excelling”

UMH No. 384

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER \***

*We now offer petitions of joy and concern from prayer cards.*

Lord in your mercy... ***hear our prayer.***

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord... ***hear our prayer.***

*Prayers lifted during this time are shared with our Prayer Chain, a group of individuals who have  
covenanted to being in prayer with and for our congregation.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:44

SERMON

*"Slave of All?"*

Rev. Shawna Horn

\*HYMN

*"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"*

*see insert*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Benediction*  
Adult Choir

Garry A. Cornell

POSTLUDE

*Toccata in A Minor*

J.P. Sweelinck

GO IN PEACE.

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***\*Congregation, please rise in spirit, and stand as you are comfortable.***  
† UM Book of Worship No. 507: Saint Francis of Assisi, Italy, 12th century, alt.

LAITY ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP:

*Acolyte:* Harper S.

*Liturgist:* Blake Butenhoff

*Ushers:* Matt Anderson, Barb Brunzell, and Stacey Boucher

*Nursery:* Mike and Lori Neuberg

*Counters:* Robert Boucher, Andrew Lubar

*Counters Next Week:* Matt Anderson, Aaron Buesing

*Fellowship Servers:* Rob and Jen Koontz, Mike and Janelle Kelly

*Fellowship Servers Next Week:* Tom and Lynn Ihlenfeldt

*If you have swapped serving dates, please inform the church office so that service recognition is accurate. Thank you!*

## Here's What's Happening at Fairmount Avenue

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Midweek Bible Study— Wednesdays at 12:00pm, join Pastor Shawna on Zoom for a time of discussion, prayer, and connection. No preparation required. *More details on insert.*

Prayer Shawl Ministry Team Meeting— Next Sunday, April 28 at 3:00pm via Zoom.

Simpson Meal— Next Monday, April 29. Sign up: [tinyurl.com/dyc6hctu](http://tinyurl.com/dyc6hctu) *Details on insert.*

### Wednesday Night Programming: April 24

5:30pm— Wednesday supper

6:00pm— Children's handbell rehearsal

6:30pm— T.G.I.W. programming

6:30pm— Heritage Ringers rehearsal

7:45pm— Adult Choir rehearsal

### Sunday Morning Programming: April 28

9:00am— All Ages Sunday School

10:00am— Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour)

10:30am— Worship

11:45am— Y.A.M. Faith Exploration

### This Week's Happy Birthdays go to:

- 21** Kathy Mangnuson
- 22** Dustin Enquist
- 23** Naren Bauer  
Murray Thurston
- 24** Janice Boyd  
Taylor Noble  
Tristan Noble
- 25** Owen Hall  
Elizabeth Behmler Busch
- 27** Isabella H.

### Faithful Hospitality Overnight Hosts Needed

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**Overnight hosts** will welcome families as they arrive to the church, offer a light snack (supplied by Interfaith Action), provide a welcoming atmosphere, and sleep in the church overnight in a private room in case emergency support is needed. Contact Pastor Shawna or the church office with any questions. Thank you!



### FAIRMOUNT AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MINISTERS: *The Congregation*

<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Shawna Horn	<i>Heritage Ringers</i>	Mindy Way-Johnson
<i>Music/Choir Director and Organist</i>	Michael Ferguson	<i>Parish Nurse</i>	Muriel Olson
<i>Children's Ministries Director</i>	Ashton Pappas	<i>Custodial Ministries</i>	Kirsten Herkenhoff
<i>Youth and Young Adult Ministries</i>	Cindy Radtke	<i>Administrator/Communications</i>	Elizabeth Herge

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# Happenings at Fairmount

Week of April 21, 2024

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## Get Involved: Creating a Joyful, Welcoming Community

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## Go Deeper: Igniting Hearts and Minds

**Midweek Bible Study**— Wednesdays at 12:00pm via Zoom. Join Pastor Shawna for a time of discussion, prayer, and connection. No preparation required. Drop in when you can! Meeting link is available in the Monday Meditations email, or use this meeting ID to join: 862 8716 4931

**Explorers T.G.I.W. Spring Thanksgiving**— We can always give thanks! Celebrate Spring Thanksgiving with projects that express our love for our church, our community, and the people who surround us. **April 24, we get ready for Mother's Day, honoring not only the women in our lives, but all the important grown ups around us!** T.G.I.W. activities for Explorers, children PreK-5th Grade, are Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00pm. Email Ashton Pappas, Director of Children's Ministries, at [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) for more information.

**Explorers Sunday School: Throwback**— Explore Jesus' teachings through the trends of the 70's, 80's, 90's, and 00's. Some trends are just passing fads, but Jesus never goes out of style. **April 28:** The Unforgiving Servant **May 5:** The Workers in the Vineyard. Sunday School for Explorers is held 9:00-10:00am. **Explorers handbell rehearsals continue Wednesdays at 6:00pm** before T.G.I.W. activities. Explorers will offer music in worship next on May 12; Mother's Day! Email Ashton Pappas, at [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) for information.

**Followers T.G.I.W. Youth Group**— Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. Come often; come when you can!


 We build community through games, activities, prayer, and faith in action. Each night is a stand alone activity and new people are always welcome! *Use the QR code to view the full weekly newsletter on Followers' events.*

**Followers Youth Sunday Faith Formation**— Sundays, 9:00-10:00am. Come often; come when you can! We'll have fun icebreaker questions, a game/activity, and discussions on community based in Acts. Reach Cindy, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at 763/321-8077 or by email at [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net).

**Co-planned Followers and Y.A.M. Earth Day Service Project**— Today, April 21, 11:30am-3:00pm.

Bring a lunch to eat after church while hanging out and getting to know each other. The area of clean-up will be announced after finding out how the City Cleanup went on April 20. We may clear drains and/or pick up trash on other roads. RSVP by texting/calling Cindy at (763)321-8077 or email [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net).

**Y.A.M. Faith Exploration**— Sundays, 11:45am-12:45pm in the History Room. Come often; come when you

 can! All young adults (ages 18-30) invited. Discuss Music and Spirituality and other topics chosen by YAMs. For a hybrid link, contact Cindy, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at 763/321-8077 or email at [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net). *Use the QR code to view the full weekly newsletter on Y.A.M events.*

## **Graduation Information Needed— May 1/May 15 Deadlines**

We are so excited to celebrate our seniors and graduates on June 9 in our annual Graduation Recognition service. High school seniors will be invited to participate with a special blessing and prayer as part of worship. College and postgraduate students are invited to be recognized in our newsletter and bulletin. Deadlines:

**May 1**, to be included in June newsletter (highly recommended) and **May 15**, to be included in the Graduation Recognition Sunday (June 9) bulletin. Submit information via paper form located in the narthex and return to the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries mailbox, or scan QR code:



## Serving Together: Doing God's Work

### **Thank you to our volunteers who help make worship happen. You are invaluable!**

We are looking for more Sunday morning volunteers to be greeters, lay readers, and audio/visual technical support. Please contact the church office at [admin@faumc.net](mailto:admin@faumc.net) if you would be willing to volunteer.

**Or come play in the nursery!** Volunteer to be in the nursery with the littlest members of our church family! Sign up for just one Sunday per month to be in the nursery and be a part of creating a welcoming home at Fairmount Avenue UMC for kids and their families. Contact Ashton Pappas at [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) to sign up.

### **Help Collect and Deliver First Fruits Food Donations to Keystone**

Sign up at [www.faumc.net](http://www.faumc.net). Deliver donations to Keystone (1800 University Ave. W., St Paul, MN 55104). They accept donations M-F from 9-5 during the week. Mask and gloves required. Food Security Ministry Team: Judy Thielen at [3klsdal@gmail.com](mailto:3klsdal@gmail.com) or Linda Hucke at [linda.hucke@centurylink.net](mailto:linda.hucke@centurylink.net).

### **Adopt-A-Drain— Sign up to Help in 2024!**

We are always looking for volunteers to clean the storm drains near the church: 3 at the corner of Fairmount and Saratoga and 2 on Fairmount just east of Snelling. Volunteers are asked to pick up trash, leaves and debris to allow water to drain. Sign up for a month online at [tinyurl.com/vnm2p9yc](http://tinyurl.com/vnm2p9yc).

### **Help Serve a Meal at Provincial House**

Project Home is looking for volunteers to serve meals as a part of its weekend meal teams at 1880 Randolph Avenue. There are four shifts available every weekend on Saturday and Sunday for lunch and dinner. This is a great opportunity for groups of 3-6 people. For more info or to sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/PHMealTeams2023](http://tinyurl.com/PHMealTeams2023).

### **Witness Ministries Request for Donations: Furniture and Household Items**

Our team co-sponsoring a refugee family along with the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC), needs help to furnish the family's apartment. **Needed:** kitchen table and chairs, sofa, other dining room/kitchen furniture, other lightly used household items and/or smaller appliances. Thank you for supporting this effort. Contact Dave Kroonblawd ([david.kroonblawd@gmail.com](mailto:david.kroonblawd@gmail.com) or 612-803-6524) for any donations or with questions.

### **Next Simpson Meal: April 29**

The next meal at Simpson Housing Services' is on Monday evening, April 29. If you're interested in helping with the meal by shopping, transporting supplies to Simpson, preparing, or serving, Sign up: [tinyurl.com/dyc6hctu](http://tinyurl.com/dyc6hctu). For more information, contact Dave Hokanson ([hokanson.dave@gmail.com](mailto:hokanson.dave@gmail.com)) or (612)419-9800.

### **New Member Lunch and Class: May 5 following worship**

Are you curious about joining Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church? Now is a great time to join the Fairmount Avenue UMC community! Membership is a way that we make commitments to one another to serve together, worship together, and explore faith together. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member at Fairmount Avenue UMC, Pastor Shawna will be hosting a new member interest lunch on May 5 after worship. RSVP helpful, but not required: [pastorshawna@faumc.net](mailto:pastorshawna@faumc.net).

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