

**April 21, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday  
of Easter**

**Fairmount Avenue  
United Methodist Church**



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# Prelude

*Pavana Philippi*

J.P. Sweelinck



# Words of Welcome

# Call to Worship

*Welcome, Happy Morning!*

**Adult Choir**

Frances R. Havergal

# Prayer of Invitation

UM Book of Worship No. 507:  
Saint Francis of Assisi, Italy, 12th century, alt.

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;

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.*

# “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

## Hymn No. 121

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1854

MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988  
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*There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.*

***There is welcome for the sinner,  
and more graces for the good!  
There is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.***

***For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.***

*If our love were but more simple,  
we should rest upon God's word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of our Lord.*



# Children's Time

Children are invited to come forward  
as parents are comfortable.

Please note that those 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

Hymn 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

# “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

Hymn No. 384

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747

MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

*Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!*

***Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.***



***Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.***

***Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.***

***Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.***

*Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee  
without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.*

***Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;***

*changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

# 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

44 and whoever wishes to be first among you  
must be slave of all.

# Sermon

# “Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”

WS No. 3104

John Newton (stanzas), refrain by Chris Tomlin, and Louie Giglio  
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***Amazing grace!  
how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.***

*'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear;  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.*

*Refrain*

*My chains are gone,  
I've been set free.*

*My God, my Savior,  
has ransomed me.*

*And like a flood his mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing grace*

***The Lord has promised  
good to me;  
his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.***



*Refrain*  
*(2x)*

*My chains are gone,  
I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior,  
has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing grace*

*The earth shall soon  
dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me  
here below,  
will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.*

# Benediction

# Choral Response

*Benediction*

**Adult Choir**

Garry A. Cornell

# Postlude

*Toccata in A Minor*

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# Go in Peace.

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