

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 28, 2024

Fifth 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

Top and Bottom of the Trumpet Stop

François Couperin

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome, Happy Morning!
Adult Choir

Frances R. Havergal

*PRAYER OF INVITATION †

***O Gracious God, we pray for your holy Church universal,
that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace.***

Where it is corrupt, purify it;

where it is in error, direct it;

where in any thing it is amiss, reform it;

where it is right, establish it;

where it is in want, provide for it;

where it is divided, reunite it;

***for the sake of him who died and rose again,
and ever lives to make intercession for us,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. 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

“Morning Has Broken”

UMH No. 145

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

The Apple Tree

Scottish Folk Song

Adult Choir, with soloist Aaron Buesing

arr. K. Lee Scott

*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

“Something Beautiful”

UMH No. 394

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

Matthew 10:5b-6

SERMON

“Nowhere Among the Gentiles?”

Rev. Shawna Horn

*HYMN

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

see insert

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction
Adult Choir

Garry A. Cornell

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

François Couperin

GO IN PEACE.

****Congregation, please rise in spirit, and stand as you are comfortable.***

† UM Book of Worship No. 501: The Book of Common Prayer, USA, 20th cent., alt.

LAITY ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP:

Liturgist: Janelle Anderson

AV Booth: Meg Kasting

Ushers: Judy and Dan Thielen, Muriel Olson

Nursery: Ashton Pappas, Gus Manderscheid

Counters: Matt Anderson, Aaron Buesing

Counters Next Week: Phill Gill, Mike Neuberg

Fellowship Servers: Tom and Lynn Ihlenfeldt

Fellowship Servers Next Week: Mark Seeley and Cindy Bevier, Carol McCarty

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

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

Simpson Meal— Tomorrow, April 29. Sign up: tinyurl.com/dyc6hctu *Details on insert.*

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.*

Blood Pressure Checks— Next Sunday, May 5, before and after worship.

New Member Interest Lunch— Next Sunday, May 5, after worship. *Details on insert.*

All Church Spring Work Day— Next Sunday, May 5 after worship. *Details on insert.*

Wednesday Night Programming: May 1

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: May 5*

9:00am— All Ages Sunday School

10:00am— Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour)

10:30am— Worship

11:45am— Y.A.M. Faith Exploration

**First Fruits collection*

This Week's Happy Birthdays go to:

- 29** Tom Ihlenfeldt
Matt Van Fleet
- 30** Alex S.
- 2** Linda Gill
Stephen Burrowes
Lillian Griffing
Jack W.
- 4** Mark Seeley
Stephanie Thompson

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 28, 2024

*Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church is a joyful, welcoming community;
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Get Involved: Creating a Joyful, Welcoming Community

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New Member Interest Lunch— Next Sunday, May 5, after worship. Join Pastor Shawna for a light lunch and learn more about what membership means at Fairmount Avenue UMC. Contact Pastor Shawna for more information by emailing pastorshawna@faumc.net. RSVP helpful, but not required.

All Church Spring Work Day— Next Sunday, May 5 after worship, sponsored by Trustees. Share a lunch before helping to tackle our spring to do list! There will be tasks for all ages and abilities.


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. **May 1, 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 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. **May 5:** The Workers in the Vineyard **May 12:** The Rich Man and Lazarus. 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 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, prayer, and faith in action. Each night is a stand alone activity and new people are always welcome! **May 1:** Gifts for neighbors; re-scheduled Earth Day clean-up! *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.

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. *Use the QR code to view the full weekly newsletter on Y.A.M events.*

Adult Sunday School— Sundays, 9:00-10:00am. Inspired by our Faithful Hospitality ministry, let's spend the rest of the program year looking at what it means to create welcome for migrants and refugees. We'll use the curriculum *Transformed Community: Freed and Empowered for Radical Welcome* created by the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Each week we'll look at key Bible verses and what they mean for us, while hearing more about the experience of migrants and refugees and how we are called to community with them.

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 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 to sign up.

Help Collect and Deliver First Fruits Food Donations to Keystone

Sign up at 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 or Linda Hucke at linda.hucke@centurylink.net.

Adopt-A-Drain— Help Needed!

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.

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.

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 or 612-803-6524) for any donations or with questions.

Next Simpson Meal: April 29

The next meal at Simpson Housing Services' is on TOMORROW, 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. For more information, contact Dave Hokanson (hokanson.dave@gmail.com) or (612)419-9800.

Scams: What to be Aware of, Part 2 — Thursday, May 9 at 6:30pm

The Health Team invites all to a second presentation by Jacob Hugart in the sanctuary. If you attended Part 1, bring your handout. Handouts will be available for those who don't have one. Arrive earlier for a potluck meal in the Wesley Room at 5:30pm. It would be helpful but is not required for those joining the potluck to RSVP to Cindy Bevier (651-641-0745 or mseeley@msn.edu) for an estimate of how many tables to set up. If you can't make it to the meal, you are still welcome to attend the program. Invite your friends!

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