

**April 28, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday  
of Easter**

**Fairmount Avenue  
United Methodist Church**



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# Prelude

*Top and Bottom of the Trumpet Stop*

François Couperin

The background is a dark, almost black, space filled with a faint, glowing trail of white particles that curves from the top left towards the center. A thin, cyan-colored rectangular border frames the entire scene, with a slight offset from the edges. The text "Words of Welcome" is centered in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

# Words of Welcome

# Call to Worship

*Welcome, Happy Morning!*

**Adult Choir**

Frances R. Havergal

# Prayer of Invitation

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

***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.*



# “Morning Has Broken”

## Hymn No. 145

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 (Lam. 3:22-23)

MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

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***Morning has broken  
like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.***

***Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!***

*Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.*

***Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass.***

***Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!***

***Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!***

# 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

*The Apple Tree*

**Adult Choir,**  
with soloist Aaron Buesing

Scottish Folk Song, arr. K. Lee Scott

# 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

# “Something Beautiful”

## Hymn No. 394

WORDS: Gloria Gaither, 1971  
MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1971  
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*Something beautiful,  
something good;  
all my confusion he understood;  
all I had to offer him  
was brokenness and strife,  
but he made something  
beautiful of my life.*

# 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

“Do not take a road leading to gentiles,  
and do not enter a Samaritan town,  
<sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep  
of the house of Israel.”



# Sermon

# “Touch the Earth Lightly”

WS No. 3129

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: Swee-Hong Lim

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***Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the  
world in our care:***

*gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children  
tomorrow will bear.*

***We who endanger,  
who create hunger,  
agents of death for  
all creatures that live,***

*we who would foster  
clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet,  
forestall and forgive!*



*Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses  
and air that is sweet,*

*health in God's garden,  
hope in God's children,  
regeneration that  
peace will complete.*

***God of all living,  
God of all loving,  
God of the seedling,  
the snow, and the sun,***

*teach us, deflect us,  
Christ, reconnect us,  
using us gently  
and making us one.*



# Benediction

# Choral Response

*Benediction*

**Adult Choir**

Garry A. Cornell

# Postlude

*Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux*

François Couperin

# Go in Peace.

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