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**YOUTH  
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**Fairmount Avenue  
United Methodist Church**



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# Prelude

*Trio*

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**Words of Welcome**



# Prayer of Invitation

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***We meet in different buildings;  
in different towns.***

***We speak different languages  
and sing different hymns.***

***We wear different clothing  
and have different gifts and talents.***

***Yet, as we gather together  
for worship on Sundays,  
we become one body,  
one family in Christ.***

***We join together on one journey,  
the journey to unite  
with the Risen Christ.***



***We join together with God  
as the Kingdom of God comes  
and as God's will is done.***

***Let us join with all our community  
in worship and true communion  
with God this day. 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.***



# **“Lord of the Dance”**

## **Hymn No. 261**

WORDS: Sydney Carter, 1963 © Stainer & Bell, Ltd.

MUSIC: 19<sup>th</sup> cent. Shaker tune, harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988

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***I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem  
I had my birth.***



*Refrain*

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all  
wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all  
in the dance, said he.***



***I danced for the scribe  
and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John;  
they came to me  
and the dance went on.***



*Refrain*

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all  
wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all  
in the dance, said he.***



***I danced on the sabbath  
when I cured the lame,  
the holy people  
said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me high;  
and they left me there  
on a cross to die.***



*Refrain*

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all  
wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all  
in the dance, said he.***



***I danced on a Friday  
and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance,  
and I still go on.***



*Refrain*

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all  
wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all  
in the dance, said he.***



***They cut me down  
and I leapt up high,  
I am the life,  
that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
if you live in me;  
I am the Lord of the  
Dance, said he.***



*Refrain*

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all  
wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all  
in the dance, said he.***



# 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.



# **Collection and Blessing of First Fruits**



# **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**



# Offertory Anthem

*His Cheeseburger from VeggieTales*

**Ava, Maizie, and Maria**

Kurt Heinecke and Mike Nawrocki



# Offertory Response

“We Come This Far By Faith”

*We've come this far by faith leaning on the Lord; trusting in His Holy Word, He's never failed me yet. Oh, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith. Don't be discouraged with trouble in your life, He'll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife.*



# Prayer of Blessing



# **“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**

**TFWS No. 2223**

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)  
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***We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored:***



*Refrain*

***And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know  
we are Christians by our love.***



***We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land:***



*Refrain*

***And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know  
we are Christians by our love.***



***We will work with each other,  
we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other,  
we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity  
and save human pride:***



*Refrain*

***And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know  
we are Christians by our love.***



***All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus,  
God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one:***



*Refrain*

***And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know  
we are Christians by our love.***



# 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.



# Prayer of Illumination

UM Worship and Song p. 33 #74:  
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***God, the more we know you, the more  
it is that joy dances in our souls.  
So, as we open the pages of our family's  
history, show yourself in its words.  
Whisper your love in our ears.  
Draw us into the embrace of your arms.  
Let our hearts beat a little faster,  
as we hear the sound  
of your voice so near. Amen.***



# **Scripture Reading**

**Ephesians 4:29-32 (CEB)**



<sup>29</sup> Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say. <sup>30</sup> Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy— you were sealed by him for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. <sup>32</sup> Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.





# Senior Sermon

*Mariah B.*



# **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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One: We have not believed you or  
trusted in your power.

***All: Lord, help our unbelief.***

One: We have stained our souls by  
our action and inaction

***All: Cleanse us, Lord.***



One: On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood.”



One: Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us:



***All: Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.***

**One: Pour out your Spirit on us.**

***All: Pour out your Spirit on us.***



One: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

***All: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.***

One: Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.

***All: Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.***



The image features a large, white, textured heart shape centered on a solid orange background. The heart has a slightly irregular, hand-drawn appearance with a fine, grainy texture. The orange background is also textured, with a fine, repeating pattern of small dots or a similar fine-grained texture. The heart is oriented vertically, with its point at the top.

# **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**



# 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.*



# **“Together We Serve”**

**TFWS No. 2175**

WORDS and MUSIC : Daniel Charles Damon  
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***Together we serve,  
united by love,  
inviting God's world to  
the glorious feast.***

***We work and we pray  
through sorrow and joy,  
extending your love  
to the last and the least.***



***We seek to become  
a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart  
and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year,  
to let love shine through  
until we see Christ  
in each person we meet.***



***We welcome the scarred,  
the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely,  
and all who need care.***

***We offer a home  
to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help,  
our hearts ready to dare.***



***Together, by grace,  
we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus,  
in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve  
in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is  
the strength of our song.***





**Benediction**



# Postlude

*Followers Jam Band*

Bill Withers

tab. by Stilettsvennen



***Sometimes in our lives  
We all have pain  
We all have sorrow  
But if we are wise  
We know that there's  
always tomorrow.***



## *Refrain*

***Lean on me,  
when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend  
I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on***



***Please swallow your pride  
If I have things  
You need to borrow  
For no one can fill  
Those of your needs  
That you won't let show***



## *Refrain*

***Lean on me,  
when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend  
I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on***

***If there is a load  
You have to bear  
That you can't carry  
I'm right up the road  
I'll share your load  
If you just call me***



***So just call on me brother,  
when you need a hand  
We all need  
Somebody to lean on  
I just might have a problem  
that you'd understand  
We all need  
Somebody to lean on.***

## *Refrain*

***Lean on me,  
when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend  
I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on***



# Go in Peace.

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