

Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church

a Reconciling Congregation

embodied
MIND • BODY • HEART • SOUL



Our Vision Statement

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

Welcome to worship at Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church! We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today.

- *Masks are welcome, but no longer required.*
- Our service will be live-streamed. 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. Our ushers are happy to assist you.

PRELUDE

Adagio

Charles-Marie Widor

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Claudia F. Hernaman

Adult Choir

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.*

*PRAYER OF INVITATION †

Prayer of Gratitude

God of Love, I must thank you for the range of emotions in my heart—

For the heartache that has nearly gutted me,

For the love that has completely unraveled me,

For the joy that feels almost impossible to contain.

I assume you have given those feelings to me as a gift,

a gift to help me imagine how deeply you love. ***For that, I am grateful.***

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God of Wisdom, I must thank you for this aching soul—

For this hunger to learn and grow,
For a longing to find beauty in the world,
For a deep desire to be the best version of myself for you.

I assume you filled my soul with longing
to help guide my feet as a disciple. ***For that, I am grateful.***

God of my heart and bones, thank you for this body of mine—

For my legs give me the chance to run back to you,
My mind allows me to dream of a better world,
And my blood reminds me that I am the same as the person next to me.

I assume you gave me a body so that your story can be embodied in me.

For all these things and more, I am grateful. 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

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH No. 454

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS †

For today’s prayer of confession, we will pray with our whole selves— mind, body, heart,
and soul— through a kinesthetic prayer. I invite you to listen and follow along
by actively responding to the prompts I give you, as you are comfortable.
Let us begin with open eyes and an open heart as I guide you through this time of prayer.
Let us pray. [...]

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: this is what the kingdom of God
feels like— eyes open, heads up, connected and united in grace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Sacred Head
Heritage Ringers

arr. Jason Krug

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

UMH No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*HYMN

“The Summons”

see insert

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION †

Words

God, there are so many words in a day—

“I loves you” whispered toward the hearts of loved ones,

Prayers mumbled under anxious breaths,

Judgments passed too loudly and too close to home.

There are so many words in a day, so for a moment, we pray—

Still the world around us so that we might hear your Word,

Read to us aloud in scripture with your still, small voice.

For we know that the grass withers and the flowers fade,

but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-41

SERMON

A Blind Body

*HYMN

“Sacred the Body”

see insert

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Abide with Us, Our Savior

Melchior Vulpius

Adult Choir

Abide with us, our Savior, sustain us by your Word;

That we with all your people to life may be restored.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

J.S. Bach

GO IN PEACE.

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

† Prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

LAITY ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP:

Liturgist: Dave Hokanson

Ushers: Carol Hokanson, Andrew and Clare Lubar

Nursery: Gus Manderscheid, Ashton Pappas

Counters: Phill Gill, Andrew Lubar

Counters Next Week: Robert Boucher, Steve Weber

Fellowship Servers: Ilona Spencer, Dan & Judy Thielen, Paul Cousin & Carol Dallman

Fellowship Servers Next Week: Mike and Lori Neuberg, Curt and Susan Bergmann

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

Followers Pasta Meal— TODAY after worship! \$15/person, \$30/family.

Sunday Walk— Invite friends and neighbors to join us today at 3:00pm for a walk in Hidden Falls Regional Park! We will meet at the boat ramp parking lot. All bodies, all ages, all abilities welcome. Next week, Como Lake!

Followers Online Silent Auction— **Bidding goes live online TONIGHT! Look for more details in our Monday Meditations email newsletter tomorrow.**

UMW Afternoon Circle— Monday, March 20 at 1:00pm via Zoom.

Finance Meeting— Monday, March 20 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Staff Meeting— Tuesday, March 21 at 10:00am.

Wellness Wednesday Program— Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30pm Marjorie D. Grievous will lead a yoga session. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel. A \$10 suggested donation appreciated to help cover the cost of this event.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting— Next Sunday, March 26 at 3:00pm via Zoom.

Wednesday Night Programming: March 22

5:00pm— Joyful Ringers rehearsal

5:30pm— Wednesday Supper

6:30pm— T.G.I.W. programming

6:30pm— **Wellness Wednesday: Yoga**

6:30pm— Heritage Ringers rehearsal

7:45pm— Adult Choir rehearsal

Sunday Morning Programming: March 26

9:00am— All Ages Sunday School

10:00am— Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour)

10:30am— Worship

3:00pm— **Sunday Walk: Como Lake**

This Week's Happy Birthdays go to:

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| 19 | Andrew Boucher |
| 21 | Bob Heilig
Michelle Hargrave |
| 22 | Dave Kroonblawd
Emma Seeley
Spencer Burrowes
Bjorn Trail-Johnson |
| 23 | Howard Fisk
Emily Ting |
| 24 | Judy Thielen
Kathy Olmstead |
| 25 | Mike Neuberg |

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FAIRMOUNT AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MINISTERS: *The Congregation*

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Music/Choir Director and Organist

Children's Ministries Director

Heritage Ringers

Rev. Shawna Horn

Rev. Jin Hur

Michael Ferguson

Ashton Pappas

Mindy Way-Johnson

Joyful Ringers

Parish Nurse

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