

# 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

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

10:30am

**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 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

*Von Gott will ich nicht lassen*

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*My Song Is Love Unknown*  
Adult Choir

John Ireland

\*PRAYER OF INVITATION †

***O God, you are the Source of our life.***

***It is you who mysteriously knit us in our mother's wombs.***

***It was you who nurtured us through the love of family and friends,  
and through your own mysterious outpouring of affection.***

***You form us, O God, and you break us apart, that we might return to you.***

***You are the beginning and the end.***

***Be with us this day, O God, as we seek to understand more clearly  
our call to be loving, just, and fully human. Amen.***

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

† From *Bread for the Journey*, ed. by Ruth C. Duck, p. 62 #10: Michael Bausch © 1981 Pilgrim Press

\*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

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

UMH No. 397—vs 1-3,5

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

*Remember Our Savior*

Johann Ernst Eberlin

Adult Choir

\*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.*

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING

\*HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

UMH No. 420

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-14

SERMON

*Loaves and Fish*

Rev. Cindy Gregorson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

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.” 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.***

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

ANTHEM

*Anthem for Communion*  
Adult Choir

Gilbert Martin

## 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.***

\*HYMN

"Take Our Bread"

UMH No. 640

## BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Lenten Amen*  
Adult Choir

Sanctus VIII

POSTLUDE

*Vater Unser*

J.S. Bach

GO IN PEACE.

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## LAITY ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP:

*Liturgist:* Carol Dallman

*Ushers:* Clark Snyder, Andrew and Clare Lubar

*Communion Stewards:* Meg Kasting, Steve Wertz

*Nursery:* Carol Hokanson and Evelyn Hugart

*AV Booth:* Brian and Nita Hanson

*Counters:* Robert Boucher, Phill Gill

*Counters Next Week:* Matt Anderson, Mike Neuberg

*Fellowship Servers:* Dick & Marge Riemenschneider, Rob & Stacey Boucher

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*If you have swapped serving dates, please inform the church office so that service recognition is accurate. Thank you!*

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UMW-UWF Mission Team Meeting— Saturday, March 9 at 10:00am via Zoom.

### Wednesday Night Programming: March 6

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: March 10\*

9:00am— All Ages Sunday School

10:00am— Followers' Online Silent Auction Closes

10:00am— Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour)

10:30am— Worship

\*Daylight Saving Time Begins

### This Week's Happy Birthdays go to:

- 4 Doug Trail Johnson
- 5 Mollie Clark
- 6 Camilla H-F.
- 7 Dylan Portoghese
- 8 Stacey Boucher  
Grace Nelson

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### 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
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# Happenings at Fairmount

Week of March 3, 2024

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## 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: Glow in the Dark**— Jesus shined God's light all the time, especially the darkest times. Hear the stories and see the light of Jesus' life leading up to Easter. How does Jesus shine in your life today? How will you shine God's light? **Also, our Lent Coin Collection continues;** bring in loose change or bit of allowance to contribute to our Lent collection until March 24 (Palm Sunday). **March 10:** Jesus Dies Before Pilate Sunday School for Explorers, children PreK-5th Grade, is held 9:00-10:00am. Email Ashton Pappas, Director of Children's Ministries, at [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) for more information.

**Explorers T.G.I.W.— What's your story?** Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00pm. What do you have to share? What story do you have to tell? Explore the importance of stories and storytelling through books, libraries, puppet shows, and pictures. We each have a story that is worth telling. **Make sure you get a permission slip for our first story time field trip THIS Wednesday, March 6!** Email [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) for more information.

**Explorers Handbells return!** Rehearsals are both on Sundays at 10:00am after Sunday School and Wednesdays from 6-6:30pm, before T.G.I.W. activities. Bells perform next in worship on **Sunday, March 17**.

**Followers Youth Sunday Faith Formation**— Sundays, 9:00-10:00am. Come often; come when you can! *What to expect:* Fun question(s), game/activity, and discussion about community based in the book Acts. Contact Cindy, Director of Youth Ministries, at [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net) with any questions.

**Followers T.G.I.W. Youth Group**— Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. Come often; come when you can! *What to expect:* We build community through games, activities, prayer, and faith in action. Our theme "Confidently Connected in Compassionate Community" continues with Stories that Bind Us Together.

**Y.A.M. Faith Exploration**— Sundays, 11:45am-12:45pm. Come often; come when you can! All young adults invited. **Today**, no meeting after church, but join us for the **Pasta Dinner Extravaganza** after church. **March 10:** continue our music theme and future planning **March 17:** have spaghetti and game afternoon from 11:45am-3:00pm. Contact Cindy, Director of Young Adult Ministries, at [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net) with any questions.

**Adult Sunday School**— Sundays at 9:00am. Next week Adult Faith Formation will meet in the Wesley Room to discuss more of *Multiplied Love* by Paul Chilcote. Reading the book is welcome but not necessary!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) to sign up.

### **Help Collect and Deliver First Fruits Food Donations to Keystone**

Sign up at [www.faumc.net](http://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](mailto:3klsdal@gmail.com) or Linda Hucke at [linda.hucke@centurylink.net](mailto:linda.hucke@centurylink.net).

### **Adopt-A-Drain— Sign up to Help in 2024!**

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](http://tinyurl.com/vnm2p9yc). If you have any questions, please contact Nita at [nitahanson@gmail.com](mailto:nitahanson@gmail.com).

### **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 opportunity is great for groups of 3-6 people. For more information or to sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/PHMealTeams2023](http://tinyurl.com/PHMealTeams2023) or contact Steve Wertz at [sdwerts@msn.com](mailto:sdwerts@msn.com).

## Pasta Dinner Extravaganza: TODAY

**All are welcome to the Followers' Youth Pasta Dinner Extravaganza & Silent Auction in the Fellowship Hall!** *What to expect:* Fun, restaurant style service from our very own youth!

As this is a fundraiser for Followers' Mission Trip 2024 and future mission work, we will be asking for \$15/adult, \$30/family, \$10/students. Cash or check only.

## Followers' Online Silent Auction Fundraiser: NOW

**You have until next Sunday, March 10 at 10:30am sharp to finish your bids.**

We will hand out anything in person after church on March 10. Please join in and look at the wide variety of offerings like baskets, pontoon rides, organizational service, babysitting, etc.! **Go to QR code and get started!** You will be able to choose cash/check or electronic payment options.



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