

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

Fairmount Avenue
United Methodist Church



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Prelude

O Mensch, Bewein

J.S. Bach



Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church

*A welcoming, joyful community,
igniting hearts and minds for God's work.*



**Words of
Welcome**

Call to Worship

All Thy Works Shall Praise Thee

Adult Choir

James Rogers

Prayer of Invitation

UM Worship and Song No. 181
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*O God, our sacred source, call us home.
O Christ, our faithful helper, lead us home.
Holy Spirit, divine companion, make your
home in us.
Heal us, forgive us, and transform us.
Make us to know your ways, O God; teach us
your paths,
until we are at home in you. Amen.*

Passing of the Peace

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymn No. 140

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

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*Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow
of turning with thee;*

*thou changest not,
thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been,
thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed

thy hand hath provided;

great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above*

*join with all nature in
manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.*

Refrain

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all I have needed

thy hand hath provided;

great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Pardon for sin and a
peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;*

*strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!*

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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.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Book of Worship No. 483:
Ruth Duck, USA, 20th cent.

*God of grace and glory,
we thank you that you judge us not by the
perfection of our actions,
but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.
Help us, as individuals and as a congregation,
to trust you and follow where you lead,
that in Christ your name may be glorified
in all the earth. Amen.*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me

Adult Choir

K. Lee Scott

Offertory Response

Hymn No. 95

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

“Something Beautiful”

Hymn No. 394

WORDS: Gloria 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

Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’

⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'
⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'
⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?”

13 No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”



Sermon

Homecoming

“Take Time to Be Holy”

Hymn No. 395

WORDS: William D. Longstaff, ca. 1882 (1 Pet. 1:16)

MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1890

*Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.*

*Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.*

*Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone.*

*By looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.*

*Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide.*

*In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his word.*

*Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control.*

*Thus led by his spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shall be fitted
for service above.*



Benediction

Choral Response

Go in the Grace of the Lord

Adult Choir

Barnard

Postlude

We All Believe in One God

J.S. Bach

Go in Peace.

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