

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

September 1st, 2024

Labor Day

10:00am

Welcome to worship at Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church!

We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today.

- 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.
- We want to hear from you. If you have a responsive thought, question, or curiosity after the sermon, please write it down and place in the offering plate. Select Worship Response cards will be shared at the end of the service for the benefit of the congregation.
- 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. Our ushers are happy to assist.
- 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.

PRELUDE

Allegro I

J.S. Bach

Joel Abdella, Oboist

WORDS OF WELCOME

*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

"Welcome"

see insert

*PRAYER OF INVITATION *"Our Labor: A Responsive Reading for Labor Day"* Amanda Udis-Kessler

One: On Labor Day we honor our work, physical and mental, paid and unpaid, joyous and heartbreaking.

Many: We give thanks for work's gifts, suffer its difficulties, and strive to make labor just and joyous for all.

One: Our work can build our society, provide for our material needs, and give our life meaning.

Many: We labor in gratitude.

One: Our work can damage our society and the planet, fail to sustain our material needs, and be meaningless.

Many: We join together to create work that supports the well-being of all.

One: Our work can heal the world, help us understand who we are, and keep us safe.

Many: We labor in joy.

One: Our work can harm the world, demean us, and expose us to danger.

Many: We join together to create work that is safe and humane.

One: Our work can fill our days with accomplishments and our lives with stories.

Many: We labor in love.

One: Our work can dissatisfy and alienate us; we may not be able to find enough work or any work.

Many: We join together to create work that blesses us all people, and the planet.

One: This Labor Day and all Labor Days to come,

All: May our work, and all work, serve humanity and all living beings. Amen.

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.

COLLECTION AND BLESSING OF FIRST FRUITS

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27

SERMON

This Beautiful Life: Every Good and Perfect Gift

Rev. Shawna Horn

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.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Adagio J.S. Bach
Joel Abdella, Oboist

*HYMN

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH No. 620

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“My Lord, What a Mornin’”
Scott Wendell, Soloist

Spiritual
Arr. H.T. Burleigh

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE AND BLESSING

*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*

UMH No. 95

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH No. 92

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.*

RESPONSE TO WORSHIP

Sharing thoughts, questions, and curiosity from our congregation.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Something Beautiful”

UMH No.394

POSTLUDE

Allegro II
Joel Abdella, Oboist

J.S. Bach

GO IN PEACE

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

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Discipleship Ministries

This Week's Happy Birthdays go to:

- 1 Thomas Clark
- 4 Ron Ausen
Brian Mangnuson
- 5 Kirk Jeffrey
Sarah Thompson
- 7 Frances
Fuerstneau
Deb Kretman
- 8 Taylor Ausen

LAITY ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP:

Liturgist: Barbara Brunzell

AV Booth: Josiah Horn

Ushers: Pam and Tom Vitulli

Nursery: Kirsten Herkenhoff and Ashton Pappas

Counters: Aaron Buesing, Andrew Lubar

Counters Next Week: Aaron Buesing, Andrew Lubar

Fellowship Servers: Ron & Terri Ausen and Bruce & Maureen Stemme

Fellowship Servers Next Week: Janelle & Matt Anderson and Chris & Kristin Matthews-Long
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

TGIW Programs begin for the program year— September 18

Sunday School (Pre-k- 5th grade)— Begins September 18

Annual North Shore Hiking Weekend— September 27-29

Today's Morning Programming: September 1

10:00am— Worship

11:00am— Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour)

*******Fall Worship Begins Next Week, September 8th at 10:30am*******

Gathering Sunday

Next Sunday, September 8!

Join us on Gathering Sunday, September 8!
9:00 am All Ages Sunday School Kick Off before worship at 9:00am.
10:00 am Fellowship Time
*10:30am Worship ** Note the Time Change***
11:30 Lawn Party Potluck

FAIRMOUNT AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINISTERS: *The Congregation*

Pastor

Music/Choir Director and Organist

Children's Ministries Director

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Rev. Shawna Horn

Michael Ferguson

Ashton Pappas

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