

# 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

May 5, 2024

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

10:30am

**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.
- 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

*Andantino*

César Franck

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Welcome, Happy Morning!*  
Adult Choir

Frances R. Havergal

\*PRAYER OF INVITATION †

*Psalm of the Woodlands*

As a tree in the forest becomes tall reaching for the light  
may we grow above the shadows of sin, fear, and doubt.

***As it gives shelter and shade to its friends of fur and feather,  
so may we help those  
who are smaller and weaker than ourselves.***

The tree sends down roots deep into the soil  
that it may be nourished by mother earth.

***May we be as firmly grounded by the love of Christ  
and sustained by his grace.***

If a tree falls and decays, it provides nourishment for new plants  
and gives its place in the sun for others.

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***Our Lord and Savior died to make a new life and a new place for us.***

When a tree in the forest is cut down,  
its wood is used for shelter and fuel.

***Jesus taught that only when life is surrendered,  
when love is poured out,  
can we build his kingdom and reflect the warmth of his Spirit. 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

“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.*

COLLECTION AND BLESSING OF FIRST FRUITS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O Lord My God*  
Adult Choir

John Rush

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH No. 92—vs 6

*For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING

\*HYMN

“Let There Be Light”

UMH No. 440

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

Romans 8:18-25

SERMON AND ANTHEM<sup>+</sup>

*Actively Waiting*

Rev. Cullen Tanner

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

*Communion Meditation*

Edwin Earle Ferguson

Adult Choir

#### 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

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

*see insert*

#### BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Benediction*

Garry A. Cornell

Adult Choir

POSTLUDE

*March*

César Franck

GO IN PEACE.

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

† Adapt. from UM Book of Worship No. 508: Milton Vahey, USA, 20th cent

\* *Beautiful City* from Godspell; John-Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz, 1971

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#### LAITY ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP:

*Liturgist:* Brian Hanson

*AV Booth:* Meg Kasting, Josiah Horn

*Ushers:* Nita Hanson, Carla Belistri and Dave Kroonblawd

*Communion Stewards:* Judy Thielen, Tom and Lynn Ihlenfeldt

*Nursery:* Dave Hokanson, Kirsten Herkenhoff

*Counters:* Phill Gill, Mike Neuberg

*Fellowship Servers:* Carol McCarty, Mike & Lori Neuberg

*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

Blood Pressure Checks— Today, in the Susanna Room before and after worship.

All Church Spring Work Day— Today after worship! *Details on insert.*

Davanni's Fundraiser— Monday, May 6, 4:00-8:00pm. *Details below.*

Midweek Bible Study— Wednesdays at 12:00pm, join Pastor Shawna on Zoom for a time of discussion, prayer, and connection. No preparation required. *More details on insert.*

Visitation Team Meeting— Wednesday, May 8 at 1:30pm.

Scams: What to be Aware Of, Part 2— Thursday, May 9., sponsored by the Health Team. Potluck at 5:30pm, presentation at 6:30pm. *Details on insert.*

Spring Plant Sale Order Pickup— Friday, May 10 on the church lawn.

### Wednesday Night Programming: May 8

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: May 12

9:00am— All Ages Sunday School

10:00am— Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour)

10:30am— Worship

11:45am— Y.A.M. Faith Exploration

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

- 6 Evelyn H.
- 8 Earl Flowers  
MJ Ryan  
Ava C.
- 10 Carol McCarty

### Davanni's Pizza Night Fundraiser: Tomorrow, May 6, 4:00-8:00pm

Treat your family and friends to some pizza (or pasta, hoagies, garlic bread, etc.) while also supporting the Followers youth on their mission trip this summer! *Remember to mention the Followers or Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church when ordering dine-in or take-out so that our youth will receive a portion of the profits.*

## 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 May 5, 2024

*Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church is a joyful, welcoming community;  
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## Get Involved: Creating a Joyful, Welcoming Community

**Blood Pressure Checks**— Today, in the Susanna Room before and after worship.

**All Church Spring Work Day**— Today after worship, sponsored by Trustees. Share a lunch before helping to tackle our spring to do list! There will be tasks for all ages and abilities.

**Davanni's Fundraiser**— Monday, May 6, 4:00-8:00pm at the location on Grand and Cleveland.

**Visitation Team Meeting**— Wednesday, May 8 at 1:30pm.

**Scams: What to be Aware Of, Part 2**— Thursday, May 9., sponsored by the Health Team. Potluck at 5:30pm, presentation at 6:30pm. *More details on back.*

**Spring Plant Sale Order Pickup**— Friday, May 10 on the church lawn.

**Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School: Monday, August 5 - Thursday, August 8**

Join us for MISSION: DEEP SEA this summer! Contact Ashton to register or volunteer: [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net).


## 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 T.G.I.W. Spring Thanksgiving**— Celebrate Spring Thanksgiving with projects that express our love for our church, our community, and the people who surround us. **May 8, we start a project to honor our graduates on Graduation Sunday!** *This will be the last Wednesday program of the year.* T.G.I.W. activities for Explorers, children PreK-5th Grade, are Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00pm. **Explorers handbell rehearsals wrap up this Wednesday at 6:00pm** before T.G.I.W. activities. Explorers will offer music on May 12; Mother's Day. Email Ashton Pappas, Director of Children's Ministries, at [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) for more information.


**Explorers Sunday School: Throwback**— Explore Jesus' teachings through the trends of the 70's, 80's, 90's, and 00's. Some trends are just passing fads, but Jesus never goes out of style. **May 12:** The Rich Man and Lazarus **May 19:** Family Fun Day! *Last Sunday program of the year.* Sunday School for Explorers is held 9:00-10:00am. Email Ashton Pappas, at [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) for information.


**Followers T.G.I.W. Youth Group**— Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. Come often; come when you can!

 We build community through games, prayer, and faith in action. Each night is a stand alone activity and new people are always welcome! **May 1:** Possible trip to CHS Orchestra and Jazz Band Concert *Use the QR code to view the full weekly newsletter on Followers' events.*

**Followers Youth Sunday Faith Formation**— Sundays, 9:00-10:00am. Come often; come when you can! We'll have fun icebreaker questions, a game/activity, and discussions on community based in Acts. Reach Cindy, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at 763/321-8077 or by email at [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net).

**Y.A.M. Faith Exploration**— Sundays, 11:45am-12:45pm. All young adults (ages 18-30) invited. **Today,**

 **May 5:** join and help out with Spring Cleaning or go out for coffee and plan our retreat. For more information, contact Cindy, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at 763/321-8077 or email [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net). *Use the QR code to view the full weekly newsletter on Y.A.M events.*

**Graduation Information Needed**— On June 9 we will celebrate our seniors and graduates. High school seniors will be invited to participate with a special blessing and prayer as part of worship. College and postgraduate students are invited to be recognized in our newsletter and bulletin. To be included in the bulletin, submit information via paper form on the ushers table or by scanning this QR code: 

**Adult Sunday School**— Sundays, 9:00-10:00am. Inspired by our Faithful Hospitality ministry, the rest of the program year we look at what it means to create welcome for migrants and refugees. We'll use the curriculum *Transformed Community: Freed and Empowered for Radical Welcome* created by the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Each week we'll look at key Bible verses and what they mean for us, while hearing more about the experience of migrants and refugees and how we are called to community with them.

## 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— Help Needed!**

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).

### **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 is a great opportunity for groups of 3-6 people. For more info or to sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/PHMealTeams2023](http://tinyurl.com/PHMealTeams2023).

### **Witness Ministries Request for Donations: Furniture and Household Items**

Our team co-sponsoring a refugee family along with the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC), needs help to furnish the family's apartment. **Needed:** kitchen table and chairs, sofa, other dining room/kitchen furniture, other lightly used household items and/or smaller appliances. Thank you for supporting this effort. Contact Dave Kroonblawd ([david.kroonblawd@gmail.com](mailto:david.kroonblawd@gmail.com) or 612-803-6524) for any donations or with questions.

### ***Scams: What to be Aware of, Part 2 — Thursday, May 9 at 6:30pm***

The Health Team invites all to a second presentation by Jacob Hugart in the sanctuary. If you attended Part 1, bring your handout. Handouts will be available for those who don't have one. Arrive earlier for a potluck meal in the Wesley Room at 5:30pm. It would be helpful but is not required for those joining the potluck to RSVP to Cindy Bevier (651-641-0745 or [mseeley@msn.edu](mailto:mseeley@msn.edu)) for an estimate of how many tables to set up. If you can't make it to the meal, you are still welcome to attend the program. Invite your friends!

### ***10 Signs of Dementia — Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30pm via Zoom***

Free presentation from Lyngblomsten Community Services. Discuss 10 signs of dementia and the importance of brain stimulation early on in a person's journey with dementia (including those who have been diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment). Learn about activities and resources that are available, including the Memory Collective, an enrichment program offered through Lyngblomsten Community Services. For Zoom link or for more information, call (651) 632-5330 or email [communityservices@lyngblomsten.org](mailto:communityservices@lyngblomsten.org).

### **Rosenberg Piano Celebration and Dedication Concert — Sunday, May 19 at 2:00pm**

Hear Mike Ferguson, our Director of Music, play a lively and entertaining program of piano music from France, Germany, Hungary, and Spain. The program will feature the beautiful Clair de Lune by Debussy, and other works by Albeniz, Bach, Chopin, Liszt, Mompou, Poulenc, and Schumann.

With this concert we will dedicate our new sanctuary piano, which once belonged to our friend and longtime music director Steve Rosenberg. Those who wish to contribute to the acquisition of this piano for our church may do so in a freewill offering, as Steve Rosenberg's legacy lives on.