Fairview United Methodist

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | November 8, 2026 | 10 AM

Gathering Music — Jo Turner, Guest Musician

Greeting — Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn — How Can We Name a Love — UMH 111 v. 1, 3, 4

*Call to Worship — Suzanne Johnson, Liturgist

In love and joy God calls us together.
And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as siblings in Christ.
Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:
Our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.
Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, let us worship God.
Amen!

Call to Confession — Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness — Rev. Nancy Martin

Now hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Hymn — Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters — UMH 605

Sacrament of Baptism

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?
We do.
Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?
With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love

and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
... to the land which you promised.
Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.
...to make disciples of all nations.
Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.
...they may share in his final victory.
All praise to you, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

BAPTISM
Now it is our joy to welcome our new sibling in Christ.
Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Hymn — This Is the Spirit's Entry Now — UMH 608 v. 1 & 3

Joys and Concerns; Prayers of the People — Rev. Nancy 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.

Children's Moment — Rev. Nancy Martin

Children are welcome to come to the front to hear about the scripture we're focusing on today. Adults may accompany their child(ren). Children can also stay in their seats.

Hymn — Love the Lord Your God — TFWS 2168

Prayer for Illumination — Suzanne Johnson

Scripture — Luke 10:25-29 (NRSVUE)

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon		Rev. Nancy Martin
Hymn	The Gift of Love	UMH 408
Generosity Moment		Rev. Nancy Martin
*Doxology		UMH 94
Offertory Prayer		Suzanne Johnson
*Closing Hymn	What Wondrous Love Is This	UMH 292 v. 1-3
*Benediction		Rev. Nancy Martin
Postlude		Jo Turner

The asterisk (*) indicates when to stand in body or spirit;
UMH stands for the United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS stands for The Faith We Sing. Find these books in the pews.

Children are welcome in all aspects of our worship service. They can stay with their adult(s) or attend nursery or Children's Church. Nursery care is available starting at 9:45 AM for children four years old and under. Children's Church happens during our service, for those four years old through fifth grade, after the Children's Moment. Children learn more about the scripture we are focusing on in the worship service. Adults pick up their children after worship from the Children's Church room at the end of the Children's Corridor. All volunteers who work with children and youth have passed a background check, have been Safe Gatherings trained, and uphold our Safe Sanctuary policies and procedures.

Holy Communion: We, in the United Methodist Church, practice Open Communion, meaning anyone who loves Jesus, who earnestly repents of their sin, and seeks to live in peace with one another is welcome to the table. We use bread or crackers and grape juice, so as to have as inclusive a table as possible. Gluten free wafers and individual cups of grape juice are available on the stand between serving stations. Please place your empty cup in the basket.

We have an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary as you exit the double doors.
To give online, please scan this code using your smart phone's camera:

Serve with Next Gen: Our Next Generation (or Next Gen) ministries is growing. This growth provides new ways for you to make a difference! We want our little ones, kids, and youth to get to know you and visa versa. Every Sunday there will be an opportunity to be the second adult at the youth meetings and children's church, as well as opportunities to serve in the nursery. I'm asking you to pray about how you can support our Next Gen Ministries: Nursery, Children's Church, and Youth Group. Consider becoming Safe Gatherings Certified so you can work directly with little ones, kids, and youth. There are sign ups for each opportunity. You can find this page any time in our app under "Serve" and "Resources."

Safe Gatherings: At Fairview United Methodist Church every adult who works with children and youth must be Safe Gatherings Certified as well as covenant to uphold our church's Safe Sanctuary Policy which includes rules for keeping children, youth, vulnerable adults, and the folks who work with them safe. We have partnered with Safe Gatherings for training and background checks of our volunteers who work with children and youth. Safe Gatherings is an online, go-at-your-own-pace abuse prevention training. To work with our Next Gen ministries please complete Safe Gatherings Certification.

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Where have you seen God today?
Where did you see God this week?
Share it with us! email office@frontyardchurch.org

Ways to Participate in the Life of our Church:

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for Bible study Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Pastor's Study. The class is currently discussing The Gospel According to John.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us in the office at 11:15 AM to discuss the book "Dwelling Places: Words to Live in Every Season" by Lucinda Secrest McDowell.

Craft Evening: Come to the church office/library on second Fridays for fun, fellowship and crafts! Bring your own craft. We'll order in dinner, bring some food, or eat before you come. Let's make something great together! Join us **November 13 at 6:00 PM** for our next meet up.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Join other men from Fairview United Methodist Church every second Saturday at the West Broadway HyVee for community, conversation, and breakfast food! Order and find a table with other Fairview folks. Join us this **Saturday, November 14 at 8:30 AM**.

Fairview Choir: Our adult choir practices on Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the sanctuary. This is a low-key group of folks who love to sing. If you're interested in singing as part of the choir, come to any practice or speak with our Director of Music Judy Shaw. All musical abilities welcome!

Generosity Opportunity: The Hands and Feet on the Street group is collecting winter supplies for the unhoused of our community in the month of November. On the last Sunday of the month the group will hand out the donations with cookies and hot chocolate. All donations are welcome so if you want to share your gift of baking cookies, please let Jessica Becker know. In December they'll be collecting items for the students of Douglas High School for their Holiday Bizarre. This event provides students the opportunity to "shop" for free gifts for themselves and their loved ones, allowing them to experience the joy of generosity and giving during the holiday season.

Mark Your Calendar for these upcoming events:

Thanksgiving Potluck **Sunday, November 22 at 5:30 PM**
Little Bethlehem 2026 Prep Night **Friday, December 11 at 6:00 PM**
Little Bethlehem 2026 **Saturday & Sunday, December 12 & 13 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Fairview Women in Faith: Fairview Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, November 12 at 1:30 pm in the church offices. The speaker will be from CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Youth Group: The Fairview Youth Group will meet every Sunday at 9:00 AM. This year youth group will be for people in 5th grade-12th grade. Invite a friend to attend with you! The Youth Room is in the alcove off the PreK rooms.

Set Up, Decorate, Adorn: Saturday, November 28 we have so many opportunities to be generous with your presence and service! Staring at 8:30 AM we'll gather on the front lawn to begin putting up the Little Bethlehem Set. At 10 AM we'll gather in the narthex to decorate for Advent and adorn the sanctuary with our Advent Wreath and Chrismon Tree. I hear there are usually donuts! Fun fact: Chrismon is a mash-up word of "Christ" and "monogram." Every ornament on our Chrismon Tree represents Christ.

Nativity Play Practice: Fairview Kids and Youth will present a Christmas Play called The Simple Small Gifts of Christmas during worship on Sunday, December 13. YOU are invited to participate! There is something for everyone. The first practice will be following worship, this Sunday, November 8 in the sanctuary. If you have any questions please email Sherri Cawley - shelynn830@gmail.com

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Our Mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
Our Vision: to be a neighborhood church were YOU make a difference
Core Values: We are faithful, relational, inclusive, genuine, and service-oriented
Core Practices: Worship. Pray. Grow. Serve. Give. Invite.