

FAIRVIEW

UNITED METHODIST

World Communion Sunday | October 4, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

*Call to Worship

Randy Clark, Liturgist

We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

God is our hope and our refuge.

We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

God is our hope and our refuge.

We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

God is our hope and our refuge.

Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself.

But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you? How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice? How often have we tried to dominate others, even as you stand with them? How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth, and its waters? Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon

us. Find us and lead us safely home to faithfulness. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

When we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, gathering us in. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Choir Special

Hallelu, I Feel the Spirit

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.

Generosity Moment

Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology

UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

Randy Clark

Children's Moment

Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH 395 v. 1, 3, 4

Prayer of Illumination

Randy Clark

Scripture

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NRSVUE)

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Sermon

Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn	A Charge to Keep I Have	UMH 413 v. 2-4
The Great Thanksgiving		UMH 13
*Closing Hymn	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	UMH 381 v. 1, 2, 4
*Benediction		Rev. Nancy Martin
Postlude		Judy Shaw

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 bowl.

We have an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary as you exit the double doors.

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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 Galatians.

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.

Moms Group: This is a group for anyone actively parenting kids and youth. We usually meet on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM in the narthex/lobby. We're discussing Meredith Miller's book *Woven: Nurturing a Faith your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From*. Join us tonight, **October 4 at 7 PM!**

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!

Craft Evening: Come to the church office/library on second Fridays or 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 **October 9 at 6:00 PM** for our next meet up. We'll be creating the 'possums for Fall Fest.

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 **Saturday, October 10 at 8:30 AM.**

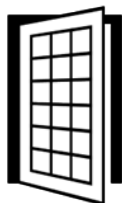
Fall Fest: Join us for this fun fellowship event Saturday, October 17 from 5:30-8 PM. This will take place at the Drane Home about 20 minutes north of the church. We'll have a bonfire with a hotdog roast and s'mores. Bring a side dish to share. We'll have a hayride and a 'possum hunt (kids hunt for "possums" – brown paper bags filled with candy, sort of like an Easter egg hunt, but with flashlights.) Bring lawn chairs and roasting forks if you have them. Kids will need a flashlight each. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors. This is a great opportunity to spend time with one another and get to know each other better. If you would like to come but do not drive at night please let the office (573) 445-5391 or Pastor Nancy revnancygmartin@gmail.com know and we'll organize a ride.

Laity Sunday: Would you like to speak during worship on October 18 for 5 (or less) minutes on one of our core practices? You'll give a testimony of sorts about which practice has made an impact on your life, either as you have practiced it or witnessed others practicing it. Would you like to lead a prayer, children's moment, prayers of the people, the greeting or benediction on Laity Sunday? If so, please email revnancygmartin@gmail.com. We need one person each for Worship, Pray, Grow, Service, Give, and Invite.

Fairview Women in Faith: A representative from the Columbia Police Department is scheduled to speak at Fairview Women in Faith's October gathering. The topics will include scams, phishing, fraud and other issues related to women and children. The meeting is **Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 1:30 PM** in the church offices. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Mums for Mission Recap: Thank you to everyone who bought a mum, sold a mum, donated monetarily, helped pick up or deliver a mum. 92 mums were sold!!! \$39 was given in extra donations. The profit of \$775 will be distributed at the end of the year for mission projects.

Baptism Sundays: We get to celebrate two baptisms coming up! One on October 18 and the other on November 8. Are you interested in baptism or church membership? Please talk with Pastor Nancy.



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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 where YOU make a difference

Core Values: We are faithful, relational, inclusive, genuine, and service-oriented

Core Practices: Worship. Pray. Grow. Serve. Give. Invite.