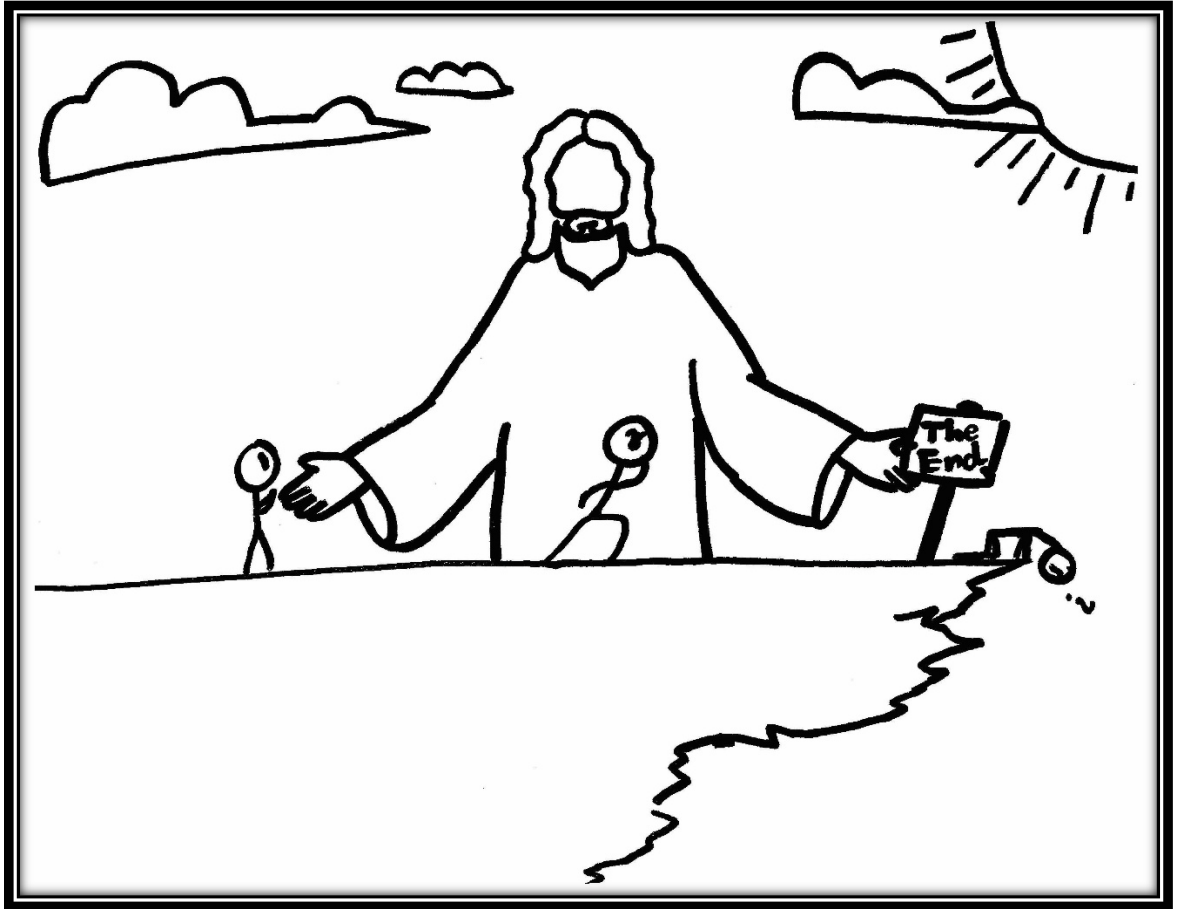




**FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Welcoming. Nurturing. Serving.



**May 17, 2026 at 11AM**  
**Ascension Sunday & Youth Sunday**



May 17, 2026, 11AM

Hymn/UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

BOLD text: Congregation reads

Ascension Sunday & Youth Sunday

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

\* Please stand as able

## WE GATHER IN PRAISE

GREETING

Gabi Harrell

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Dr. Louise Wilson, piano

setting, Zach Unke

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

William Yee

Leader: Family of God, who are you?

**People: We are disciples, formed by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Family of God, why do you gather?

**People: To worship God who loves us and teaches us to love our neighbors, ourselves, and all creation.**

Leader: Family of God, how do you worship God?

**People: By loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously.**

Leader: Family of God, receive this good news: in our loving, our serving, and our leading, we are not alone—God is with us!

**People: We come to worship God by loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously in our community and through our worldwide connections, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.**

- Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, *Discipleship Ministries*, January 2026

\* HYMN OF GRACE UMH 261 *Lord of the Dance*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S VOICE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sam Frischmann

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 45:1-7 [O.T. 674-675] Hakim Johnson

**Response:** UMH 277 (VERSE 1) *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:1-8 [N.T. 161-162] Harper Przystawik

**Response:** UMH 277 (VERSE 3) *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

\* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 [N.T. 34] Lincoln Daub

**Response:** UMH 277 (VERSE 5) *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

LET THE CHILDREN COME Chase Daub & Marianna Yee

UMH 585

*This Little Light of Mine*

LATTIMER

Recognition of Dave and Judy Porter

*Children are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 212.*

MESSAGE Long Story Short

Joachim Amoateng, Amelie Przystawik, Sadie White, William Yee

## **WE RESPOND WITH JOY**

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 407(VERSES 1 & 3) *Close To Thee*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER Silvia Barahona

**Response:** God of us all, **may your presence encourage us.**

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING/PRAYER

Sadie White & Catie McLenahan

## RECOGNITION OF ACOLYTES

Joachim Amoateng  
Meredith Castner  
Sam Frischmann  
Preston Weronski  
Marianna Yee  
William Yee

OFFERTORY

*Thou Shalt Bring Them In*

G. F. Handel

\* DEDICATION OF GIFTS

UMH 95 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

## **WE GO TO SERVE**

\* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP TFWS 2153 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Joachim Amoateng

POSTLUDE TFWS 2088 *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*

*Youth sings through Postlude first, congregation joins for second and third times.*

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## **YOUTH SUNDAY - WORSHIP TEAM**

Acolyte: Meredith Castner

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Adult Leader: Dave Porter

Youth Minister: Logan Wescott

## Lord of the Dance

*Unison*

G Em Bm Em

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I  
 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar-i-see, but they  
 3. I danced on the sab-bath when I cured the lame, the  
 4. I danced on a Fri-day and the sky turned black; it's  
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,

Am D7

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
 would not dance and they would not fol-low me; I  
 ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame; they  
 hard to dance with the dev-il on your back; they  
 I am the life that 'll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll

G Em Bm Em

came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth. At  
 danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; they  
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they  
 bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone, but  
 live in you if you'll live in me;

Am D7 C G Refrain G Bm

Beth-le-hem I had my birth.  
 came to me and the dance went on.  
 left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher-  
 I am the dance and I still go on.  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Em G

ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Am D G C G D7

Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher-ev-er you may

G C D7 G C

be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

## 277 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*Unison (Optional S.A.)*

1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear;  
2. First let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee,  
3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low the chil - dren's band,

things I would ask him to tell me if he were here;  
and I shall fan - cy his bless - ing rest - ing on me;  
wav - ing a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;

scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,  
words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,  
one of his her - alds, yes, I would sing

sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.  
all in the love - light of Je - sus' face.  
loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"

WORDS: William H. Parker, 1885 (Mt. 19:13-15; 21:8-9;  
Mk. 10:13-16; 11:8-10; Jn. 12:13)  
MUSIC: Frederick A. Challinor, 1903

STORIES OF JESUS  
84.84.54.54

LIFE AND TEACHING, *see further:*

# This Little Light of Mine

585



1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'- a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

2. Everywhere I go

3. All through the night

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual (Mt. 5:14-16)

MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. by William Farley Smith, 1987

LATTIMER

Irr.

## Close to Thee

407

1. Thou my ev - er - last - ing por - tion, more than  
 2. Not for ease or world - ly plea - sure, nor for  
 3. Lead me through the vale of shad - ows, bear me

friend or life to me, all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 fame my prayer shall be; glad - ly will I toil and suf - fer,  
 o'er life's fit - ful sea; then the gate of life e - ter - nal

*Refrain*  
 Sav - ior, let me walk with thee.  
 on - ly let me walk with thee. Close to thee, close to thee,  
 may I en - ter, Lord, with thee.

close to thee, close to thee, all a - long my pil - grim  
 glad - ly will I toil and  
 then the gate of life e -

jour - ney, Sav - ior, let me walk with thee.  
 suf - fer, on - ly let me walk with thee.  
 ter - nal may I en - ter, Lord, with thee.

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/2 time signature. The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a dotted quarter note and an eighth note. The bass staff accompaniment features a steady rhythmic pattern.

host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff melody ends with a double bar line. The bass staff accompaniment also concludes with a double bar line.

## 2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me \_\_\_\_\_

an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me \_\_\_\_\_

an - y - where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

## 2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift your name on high;



Lord, I love to sing your praises.



I'm so glad you're in my life;



I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heaven to earth to show the way,



from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;



from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;



Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Irregular

## **Fairlington United Methodist Church Reconciling Statement**

Fairlington United Methodist Church proclaims without reservation God's unconditional love and grace, and affirms the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We commit to extend Christ's gospel hospitality, creating a place of safety and spiritual sanctuary for all people. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into membership, participation, and leadership all persons regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability, faith history, or life experience. We recognize among us differences in theology and biblical interpretation, and covenant to accept, respect, and love one another along our faith journeys.

As God loves us, so let us love one another.



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