



FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Welcoming. Nurturing. Serving.

EMBODIED DISCIPLESHIP

An Invitation to Love Boldly & Lead Courageously



May 3, 2026 at 11AM
Fifth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

GREETING

Andrew Hunter

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Jubilate Handbell Choir

John A. Benke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, too often, we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick. We fail to recognize how our prison system diminishes the humanity of all of us, how our medical system denies healing to the poor, how poverty leaves children without coats, how legal obstacles keep the strangers at a distance. Open our hearts to recognize your presence in every person, and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name. Amen.

[*Silent prayers of confession.*]

Receive this Good News: Though we wander, God searches us out. God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer. God pardons our sin and frees us to boldly love and joyfully serve God and neighbor. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen!

- Adapted from Rev. Ruth Garwood on the *Worship Ways* website.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

* OPENING HYMN UMH 660

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S VOICE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Neal Berry

We worship you, O God, with joyful noise—with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love song to us in person. Put new words in our mouths and new intentions in our hearts as we consider the power of your Word. As we gather here today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts, help us experience this love in the proclamation of the Gospel and through the enabling gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- Adapted from Moira Laidlaw, posted on her *Liturgies Online* website.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 4:7-11 [N.T. 235]

Neal Berry

The Word of God for God's People. Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE

Variations on a Shaker Tune

Raymond Haan

Joyful Ringers: Lucy Moore, Whitley Ng, Ashley Moore, Annie Moore, Dave Moore, Claire Cary, & Sean Fairfield

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-14 [N.T. 108-109]

Carol Weldon

The Word of God for God's People. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

No Restrictions Apply

Rev. Christian White

WE RESPOND WITH JOY

CALL TO PRAYER UMH 393

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Response: God of Resurrection, **in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING/PRAYER

OFFERTORY

O Sacred Feast
Chancel Choir

Healey Willan

* DEDICATION OF GIFTS UMH 587 *Bless Thou the Gifts*

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION SETTING TFWS 2257A-D

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

Dr. Louise Wilson

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

WE GO TO SERVE

* RESURRECTION HYMN UMH 322 *Up from the Grave He Arose*

CHRIST AROSE

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in e minor, BWV 555
Dr. Louise Wilson

Johann Sebastian Bach

660

God Is Here

1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer
 2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea-sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul-pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en,
 change and doubt keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 here the cross has cen-tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus-tains us, as of old. Here the ser-vants of the
 help us work your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the
 preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in
 Ser-vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com-ing of the Spir-it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 new-ness and re - new-al, God the Spir-it comes to each.
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 can-not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Bless Thou the Gifts

587

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless
thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the
will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.

WORDS: Samuel Longfellow, ca. 1886

MUSIC: *Grenoble Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906;
arr. by Basil Harwood, 1908

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
LM

Alt. tune: CANONBURY

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Communion Setting

(Preface)

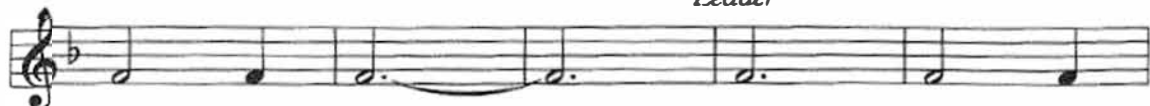
Leader

All



The Lord be with you. _____ And al -

Leader



so with you. _____ Lift up your

All



hearts. _____ We lift them up to the Lord. _____

Leader

All



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give our thanks and praise. _____

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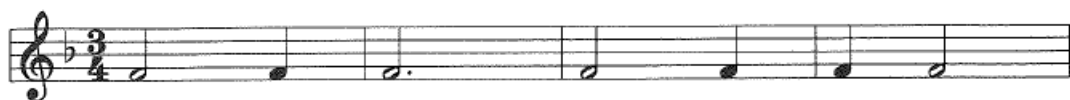
2257-b

(Sanctus)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

2257-C

(Memorial Acclamation)



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,



Christ will come a - gain. _____ Ho -



san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -



san - na in the high - est! _____

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2257-d

(Great Amen)



A - men. A - men. A -



men. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the



high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! _____

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FROM THE RITUAL OF THE FORMER
METHODIST CHURCH

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.

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Up from the Grave He Arose

1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord!
 vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord!
 he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord!

Refrain
 Up from the grave he a - rose, (he a - rose) with a

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes) he a -

rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a -

rose! (he a - rose) He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 (he a - rose) (he a - rose)

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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