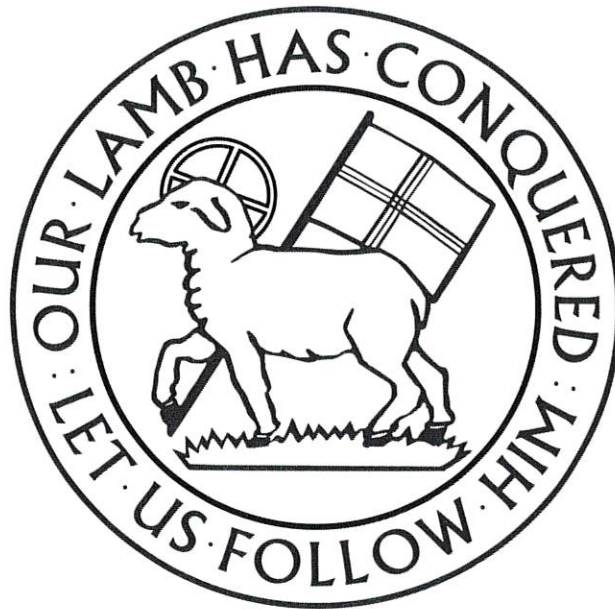


Fairview Moravian Church



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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020, 10:00 AM

Watchword of the Week:

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Psalm 96:2

Prelude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* with *He Leadeth Me* Arr. Berry

Welcome and Announcements Bill Shields

Call to Worship *Even Now, Lord* Culverwell

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer Mr. Shields

Hymn 662 *Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice* HAYN

Jesus makes my heart rejoice,
I'm his sheep, and know his voice;
he's a Shepherd, kind and gracious,
And his pastures are delicious;
constant love to me he shows,
yea, my very name he knows.

Trusting his mild staff always,
I go in and out in peace;
he will feed me with the treasure
of his grace in richest measure;
when athirst to him I cry,
Living water he'll supply.

Should not I for gladness leap,
led by Jesus as his sheep?
For when these blessed days are over
to the arms of my dear Savior
I shall be conveyed to rest.
Amen, yea, my lot is blessed.

Liturgy *A Journey Through Psalm 23* Steve Morgan

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

I want so much, Lord. I desire so many things that promise to make my life easier, fuller or more exciting and meaningful. And yet the “things” of this life do not provide the fullness of life. Give me wisdom to know my wants from my needs. Give me eyes to see the fullness of my life in you. Give me a heart that is willing to journey with the Shepherd.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

Because of you, Lord, my life is fertile. You planted the seed of faith in my heart and you cause it to grow. Everything in my life—the joys, the sorrows, the worries, the discoveries—has been embraced by your love and contributes to who I am today.

He leads me beside still waters.

Although there is turbulence in life, your spirit fills me with peace and calm. There is a stillness that you provide when I find myself navigating troubled waters. Protect me from fear, worry and anger when life becomes threatening, that I might enjoy life as you intended it.

He restores my soul.

Lord, when circumstances of life threaten to defeat me, you offer healing to me. Even if I question your presence in my life or if worry overwhelms me and I wonder if I can go on, you refresh my soul. In time, you breathe new life into me. You fill me with so much of yourself that the world simply becomes the place where I come to know you.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

When I look back at my life and see the choices that I have made, I stand humbled and acknowledge your guidance. I seek your wisdom as I face each day. I ask that you journey with me one step at a time.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley I fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

Challenges will come. They will threaten to take my breath away. But your breath remains. Your Spirit guards my life. You give me hope. You give me peace and the warmth of your Son brings a smile to my heart.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You have invited me to a party in your honor. There is a place for me at your table, in your kingdom. With all the faithful, Lord, you have welcomed me to break bread with you and confess my faith in your love. Those who ridiculed me because of my faith will see your glory in me. Let them see it now so that they might take their place at your table also.

You anoint my head with oil.

You have chosen me, Lord, for a holy purpose. You have gifted me to perform your work. You have called me to do your will. Convict me with your Spirit so that I might never betray you and assure me of your forgiveness in the event that I do.

My cup overflows.

The words of my mouth are attempts to express what cannot be spoken. My life is so full, so rich that only my heart can sing the praise that you deserve. In my greatest moments of emptiness, Lord, you fill me up. Fill me now with your truth, your Word.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

It doesn't matter where I live, where I work, where I travel, who I am with or how long I walk this earth. If I bring you with me, my journey will be blessed.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

May my life be a prayer. May my life be a witness. May my life be my confession of faith in you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Prayer of Dedication

Marshall Mathers

Anthem

Fairest Jesus, Precious Savior

Harlan

Doxology

Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

Nancy Morgan

Hymn

A King Planned a Party

ASH GROVE

A king planned a party — a feast, rich and hearty.
He sent invitations to all of his guests.
So what could be better than getting a letter
And being invited and welcomed and blessed?
"My work needs attention," said one, "Not to mention,
My family is growing. There's so much to do."
"My farm," said another, "Is big, and — oh, brother —
I'm busy with hobbies I want to pursue."

"The wedding is ready! My guests are not worthy!"
The king told his servants when nobody came.
So go search the alleys, the hills and the valleys,
And bring in the poor and the blind and the lame."
That day there was singing and halls that were ringing
With laughter and joy in that wonderful place.
For those who attended knew how they depended
Upon the king's generous mercy and grace.

O God, you invite us! You seek to delight us.
Your table is ready for those who say "Yes!"
Do we make excuses when you want to choose us
To sit at your table, forgiven and blessed?
And, Lord, as you welcome us into your kingdom,
May we reach to welcome the world by your grace.
You love the outsider. Now may we reach wider
To welcome the world with your loving embrace.

Biblical References: Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:16-24
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Message

Dick Joyce

An RSVP Is Required for the Wedding Event

Matthew 22:1-14

Hymn 603

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
be now and ever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me; the world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer and shield my soul from sin!

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
and speak to make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servants shall be too.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

Benediction

Mr. Joyce

Postlude

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Arr. Sikes

News of the Congregation

October 18, 2020

Reminders:

WF Circle 3 – Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. (FH)
WF Exec. Bd. Mtg. – Monday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m. (CR)
Music and Worship Mtg. – October 26 at 5:30p.m. (CR)
CEC Meeting – Tuesday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m. (FH)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 10/20 Tootie Barbour, Liz Venable
Saturday, 10/24 Linda Mathers

The Nominating Committee is starting the initial process for finding representatives for this year's nomination for the Board of Elders (2 members) and the Board of Trustees (3 members). If you should feel led to help guide the decision process of Fairview over the next three years (or have a recommendation of someone), please reach out to one of the nominating committee members. This year's nominating committee members are: Dick Joyce, Chair, Shirley Byerly, Morgan Fox, Terri Southern.

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for 10/11/20	\$1,761.00
Monthly Budget Needs	28,829.67
Monies Received Month to Date	<u>7,103.00</u>
Needed as of October 11	\$21,726.67

If you are visiting with us today and would like to know more about our church and information on becoming a member; please give the church office a call at 336-768-5629 or email fmc@fairviewmoravianchurch. We would love to speak with you about the exciting things happening at Fairview Moravian Church.

The Newsletter deadline is Monday, October 19th.

Lifting in Prayer

Our Church Family:

Tootie Barbour, Betty Bennett, Jody Brendle, Nelson Cannon, Roger Carmichael, Oneita Dease, John Harrold, Anne Hauser, Gayle Heck, Jean and Harvey Lunsford, Nancy Manuel, Ann and David Marcus, Jill Mayer, Dot Moore, Doris "DG" Noell, Bob and Rob Peek, Jeff Pfaff, Harry Sapp.

Our Family and Friends:

Willard Dodson (granddaughter of Jeanne Willard)
Sandy Johnson- (friend of Linda and Dennis Tuttle)
Wanda Smith- (friend of Pam Tatum)

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the church office and let us know.

Pray for our Friends and Family Members in the Military:

Jordan Hailey (Navy – son of Jerry Hailey)
Daniel Millikan (Army – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan)
Jeremiah Millikan (Navy – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan)
Christian Nixon (Army National Guard-nephew of Candice & Rod Back)
Timothy Raiford (Navy – nephew of Judy & Jerry Byerly)
Eric Tise (Air Force- Korea – grandson of Lindsay)
Michael Timmons (Army National Guard – son of LuAnn and David Timmons)
Cameron Yokley (Marine Reservist – son of Robin & Bill)

Coming soon....

Embracing Great Commission Stewardship.

In the next couple of weeks, we will have a special emphasis on stewardship and how as disciples of Jesus we must go out and spread the gospel and be good stewards of our time, talent and offerings. Through His grace we are to commit all that we are for His work in the kingdom. Come and listen to our weekly speakers and hear what stewardship has meant in their lives. We hope you will join us!