



Fairfax United Methodist Church

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May 17, 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter

United Methodist Women Sunday

Music to Celebrate the Presence of God

Rondeau
David Leahey, organ

Henry Purcell

Welcome

United Methodist Women Moment

Joan Hensley

Entrance and Praise

*Call to Worship

Leader: Today is a new day.

**People: We come with the past behind us, and the future open.
We come to celebrate the new life Christ brings.**

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

*Hymn No. 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Beecher*

*Opening Prayer

God, we thank you for your love and your grace so abundant, so overflowing, that you embrace us in spite of our fear and our timid lives of faith. As you encouraged the first Christians to witness in the face of risks, encourage us to follow your call today. Grant us peace in the midst of challenge, and fill us with your Holy Spirit, through the risen Christ. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith No. 884

*A Statement of Faith of the Korean
Methodist Church*

*Gloria Patri No. 71

Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)

Kelsey Brown Pompei

Hymnal, page 39

Congregational Response

The Faith We Sing, No. 2051

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

**When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoice the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

Children's Message (11:00)

Response and Offerings

Call to Prayer

(9:30 & 11:00)

View Me Lord

Richard Lloyd

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

(8:15)

Behold, What Manner of Love
Linda Brock, Soloist

Lois Townsley

(9:30 & 11:00)

Allelnia
Chancel Choir

Randall Thompson

* Doxology

Hymnal, page 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Hymn No. 430

O Master, Let Me Walk with There

Maryton

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

We come to you, O God, drawn by the power of your love. We come to hear your good news. We come to find new life. We come to satisfy our thirst for your holy Word. We come to feed our hunger for your love. Satisfy our desire for you, and give us your peace, that we may be a blessing to others. Amen

Epistle Lesson	<i>(page 1067, pew Bible)</i>	1 John 5:1-5
Gospel Lesson	<i>(page 939, pew Bible)</i>	John 15:9-17
Sermon	Commanded to Love	Pastor Steve Bray

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 557	Blest Be the Tie That Binds	<i>Dennis</i>
*Benediction and Choral Response		
<i>(9:30 & 11:00)</i>	<i>Amen</i> Chancel Choir	<i>Peter Lutkin</i>
Postlude	<i>Invention III</i> David Leahey, organ	<i>John Callaerts</i>

** Congregation Standing*

Thank you for turning off your cell phones during the worship service.

Large print Bibles and hymnals are available from the ushers upon request.

Worship material for children ages 3–6 and 7–12 is available from the ushers.

**The audio for the worship service is available at
www.fairfaxumc.org/Downloadaudio.aspx**

The previous week's service is under archives on the website.

WELCOME VISITORS

Good morning and welcome to Fairfax United Methodist Church! As we gather for worship today, we hope that within our sanctuary you will feel the presence of God through friendly faces, meaningful worship, and opportunities to serve God's people in our world. Our hearts are blessed by your presence, our minds are focused on Christ, and our doors are always open for you.

We invite everyone to sign the attendance registration pads located in the pews. We are blessed to have you worshipping with us. If you would like to receive information from the church via e-mail, **please provide your e-mail address** in addition to the other requested information, or you may provide your e-mail address to the church at **church@fairfaxumc.org**.

Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. They are cream colored cards with a cross in a circle. If you have a loved one, special need, concern or situation you would like lifted up in prayer, please complete one of these cards. Your pastors and staff will remember you in prayer during the Tuesday morning staff meetings.

You are invited to the Fellowship Hall (directly below the sanctuary) between services this morning (10:30) for coffee and fellowship.

Interested in finding out more about becoming a church member? Please see one of our pastors today or call the church office, 703-591-3120.

The flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Allen L. Lytton by Louella, Shirley and Anna Lee Lytton; and to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlotte Wyatt, my mother, on the first anniversary of her death by Sylvia Hall.

The flowers in the Narthex this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Kelsey Brown Pompei by Nick, Nicole and Hannah Grace Pompei; and are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elaine Darnell, and in celebration of the birthday of Lois Darnell by Donald P. Darnell.

The Samaritan Fund - The Virginia Annual Conference designates the period from Mother's Day to Father's Day as a golden opportunity for the Samaritan Fund offering. The Samaritan Fund helps older persons who cannot afford the full cost of care in one of the six Virginia United Methodist Homes communities. Gifts allow seniors to live out their lives with dignity, security and fulfillment in an atmosphere of love. With your help, almost \$1,000,000 will be given this year to residents in these communities who are unable to pay the full cost of their care. Samaritan Fund gifts are not used to meet administrative or operating costs. Offering envelopes are provided in the yearly envelope boxes and in the pew racks. Gifts may be made as memorials to parents or in honor of a family member. Checks should be made payable to FUMC and marked "Samaritan Fund."

The Staff-Parish Relations and Music Committees want the congregation to be aware that our Director of Music, David Leahey, will be out of the country for about three months this summer beginning the evening of June 7th. This absence includes annual leave and time out of the country mandated by his current application for permanent resident status. Substitute organists have been secured and the music schedule will be uninterrupted. We wish David well as he enjoys time with family and friends in the U.K. and as his green card application proceeds.

Today is the LAST DAY to Make Picture Appointments. We will be creating a pictorial directory for 2009 and we want to include as many of our worshiping community as possible. Sign ups are in the foyer outside the Fellowship Hall on the first floor; however, there is also the option to sign up online. Go to www.signups.olanmills.com and use the church phone number, (7035913120) as the password. Photos will be taken on May 27 & 28 from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm, June 1 - 5 from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm, and June 6 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. You will also get a free 8x10 if you get your picture taken.

One Year of Open Doors! This Sunday, May 17th, marks the one year anniversary of our Open Doors Worship Service. We want to celebrate this milestone as a church, so we hope you will join us on May 31st, following the Open Doors Service, for a reception and celebration!

Barefoot Donations – Thanks so much to all who attended *Barefoot* and gave generously to the free will offering. Our three performances were able to raise over \$1800 for our ASP and JP mission teams. A hearty thank you from our volunteers!



Strawberry Festival And Silent Auction

TODAY
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

This favorite churchwide event includes fresh strawberries, ice cream and fellowship on the church lawn. Tickets are available in the Fellowship Hall today for \$2.50 per person or \$12.00 per family. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a good friend and get ready to enjoy an old fashioned good time! *Tickets are available this morning in the Fellowship Hall.*

Be sure to find your way to the Fellowship Hall for the Silent Auction as well. You will have the opportunity to bid on some fantastic items! This is the place to find an extra delightful gift for someone special in your life. There are theme baskets, goods, services and surprise attractions.

Just for our "berry" sweet kids is the VERY BERRY cheap table. Kids can shop for special items under \$1.00. Bid generously in support of our youth and adults who will be participating in the Appalachia Service Project in Knox County, Kentucky and the Jeremiah Project in Winchester, Virginia.

The Strawberry Festival is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your neighbors to your church family.

Dinner & Program - The United Methodist Men will have a dinner/program on Wednesday, May 20th in the Fellowship Hall. This is a *Thanks and Appreciation* dinner for Boy Scout Troop 187. The Troop has really helped us out during the year. The dinner/program will be held in our Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Registration is at 6:45 p.m. and the price of the meal is \$7.50. It is a cookout with hamburgers and hotdogs. Make reservations on the pew pad by writing UMM and the number of reservations, or you may call the church at 703-591-3120 or Jim Conklin, Sr. at 703-273-3884.

Leisure Ministries Update- Bring up the house lights for our next outing to the Wayside Theatre for *Man of La Mancha* on Wednesday, June 10th. Prior to the performance, we will have lunch at the Wayside Inn in Middletown, Virginia, serving recipes from the Washington Family. We will leave from the church at 10:45 am and return at approximately 6:00 pm. The cost is \$50 for lunch, theater and transportation. Please make your reservations on Sunday mornings in the Resource Room or contact Marty Bechtel 703-378-7204, Millie Holdaway 703-273-4022 or Libby Barricks 703-591-3120.

Our Daily Bread - Thank you to all who have continued to bring food for our Food Closet. The summer delivery for ODB is scheduled for May 31. We especially need canned meats, ready-to-eat or boxed meals, and canned fruits and vegetables. The specialty items for this delivery are small sized dish/laundry detergents. We welcome people to help and invite you to contact Kerry McMeans (703-591-5240) or Sue Almond (703-476-9606).

Vacation Bible School 2009 - Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience + Discover God Everywhere on June 22 - 26, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day. Sign up for an adrenaline-filled, action-packed trip where kids learn their strength is from God. Our VBS is open to children who were in an Age 3 class in the fall of 2008 through children who have completed the 4th grade. Children who have completed the 5th and 6th grades are eligible to participate that same week in a daily hands on mission program, *Summer Discovery*, especially designed for them. The VBS registration fee is \$10.00 per child. The children participating in *Summer Discovery* will be providing lunch for the Lamb Center on Thursday, June 27, and they would like to take bottled water for the guests. We have also agreed to assist Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church on the Route 1 corridor with their summer programs by collecting new children's tennis shoes. All sizes are needed. If you can donate a case of water or a new pair of children's tennis shoes, please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall on June 7, 14 or 21. We are also in need of volunteers to help make this a great VBS week! Junior and Senior Highs are welcome to be youth helpers. If you would like to volunteer as an adult or youth helper, please contact Martha Peacock at mpeacock@fairfaxumc.org or 703-591-3120.

Let's go trekking!

United Methodist Women's General Meeting is on Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 pm. Frances Hollans will accompany us for a hymn sing-a-long and we will share in a study of *Women in the Bible*. Please join us for an evening of fellowship.

Youth Missions Meeting – There will be a youth missions meeting from 12:15pm to 1:30pm in the Youth Activities Room on May 31st. Both youth and adult volunteers are asked to attend. Please bring a bag lunch.

Worship Schedule Task Force Progress - Thanks for your feedback! The Worship Schedule Task Force is in the process of compiling data from the survey. We are pleased to announce that there were 210 survey respondents and about 50 people participated in the listening sessions. This represents a high percentage of our weekly worshipers responding to the survey. As we complete the analysis, we anticipate proceeding with recommendations to Church Council in the near future. Feel free to ask any task force members how the process is proceeding. Thanks again for your input! Task Force members are Tony Almond, Linda Brock, Jim Conklin, Jr., Dana Dingel, Marty Draper, Julia Farr, Marsha Ficken, Steve Hopkins, Nancy McCurdy, Melissa Osborne, and Brenda Weaver.

Graduate Recognition Sunday – Congratulations graduates! On June 7th, we'll be recognizing your achievements with Graduate Recognition Sunday. There will be a reception to honor all of our high school, college, and grad school graduates from 10:30-11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll also be listing you by name in the Sunday morning bulletins. If you'd like your name or the name of one of your family members to appear in the bulletin, please contact the church office with their name, degree earned, and the school from which they are graduating by Tuesday, June 2nd. Also – if you or your child are graduating from high school, we'd love to hear about their plans for next year!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MAY 10 - 16, 2009

SUNDAY	8:15 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
	11:00 pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 pm	Open Doors Worship Service, Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Strawberry Festival & Silent Auction, Fellowship Hall, Multi-Purpose Rm, Main Kitchen
MONDAY	9:00 am	Northern Virginia Porcelain Artists Club, Fellowship Hall & Main Kitchen
	6:00 pm	Cub Pack 187 Den Meeting, Multi-Purpose Rm
	7:00 pm	Adult Ringers, 215
	7:15 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 112, Fellowship Hall, Library
	7:30 pm	Evangelism Purpose Area Meeting, Conference Rm
TUESDAY	7:30 am	UMM Prayer Breakfast, 112
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4-H Cloverbuds, 303
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4-H, 306-308
	7:00 pm	Music Committee, Conference Rm
	7:00 pm	Youth Drama Rehearsal, Youth Activity Room
WEDNESDAY	6:45 pm	UMM Fellowship Dinner Meeting, Fellowship Hall and Main Kitchen
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting, Parlor
	7:00 pm	ESL Conversation Group 2, 306-308
	7:00 pm	ESL Conversation Group, 310
	7:00 pm	Open Doors Music Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Finance Committee, Multi-Purpose Rm
THURSDAY	9:30 am	W.A.T.E.R. Circle, Parlor
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 216
FRIDAY	9:30 am	Pre-K Graduation, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 pm	Congregational Care Meeting, 115
SATURDAY	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study, 112