Morning Worship

THE LORD’S DAY

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

**The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

**Welcome** Rev. Robert Castile

**Prayer**  Wesley Rouse

**\*Hymns of Praise**

***“House of the Lord”***

**We worship the God who was.**

**We worship the God who is.**

**We worship the God who evermore will be.**

**He opened the prison doors.**

**He parted the raging sea.**

**My God, He holds the victory.**

***There's joy in the house of the Lord.***

***There's joy in the house of the Lord today.***

***And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise!***

***There's joy in the house of the Lord.***

***Our God is surely in this place.***

***And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise!***

**We sing to the God who heals.**

**We sing to the God who saves.**

**We sing to the God who always makes a way.**

**'Cause He hung up on that cross,**

**Then He rose up from that grave.**

**My God's still rolling stones away.**

**We were the beggars and now we're royalty.**

**We were the prisoners and now we're running free.**

**We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.**

**Let the house of the Lord sing praise! (repeat)**

***“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”***

**What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.**

***O sing,*** ***“Hallelujah!” Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing, “Hallelujah!” Now and ever we confess:  
Christ our hope in life and death.***

**What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.**

**Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?**

**Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
“Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.**

**Offertory Prayer**   Rev. Castile

**Anthem**  Worship Choir & Orchestra

***“I Set My Hope on Jesus”***

**When this life of trials tests my faith,**

**I set my hope on Jesus.**

**When the questions come and doubts remain,**

**I set my hope on Jesus.**

**For the deepest wounds that time won't heal,**

**There's a joy that runs still deeper.**

**There's a truth that's more than all I feel.**

**I set my hope on Jesus.**

***I set my hope on Jesus,***

***My rock, my only trust,***

***Who set His heart upon me first.***

***I set my hope on Jesus.***

**Though I falter in this war with sin,**

**I set my hope on Jesus.**

**When I fail the fight and sink within,**

**I set my hope on Jesus.**

**Though the shame would drown me in its sea,**

**And I dread the wave of justice,**

**I will cast my life on Calvary.**

**I set my hope on Jesus.**

**Though the world call me to leave my Lord,  
I set my hope on Jesus.  
Though it offer all its vain rewards,  
I set my hope on Jesus.**

**Though this heart of mine is prone to stray,  
Give me grace enough to finish,  
'Til I worship on that final day.  
I set my hope on Jesus.**

**Children’s Sermon** Rev. Gilbert Harris

**\*Passing the Peace** Rev. Harris ***Chorus* O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*Verse 2***

**Pre-K childcare begins at 8:15a.m. and those children may be taken by a parent to their class anytime. K – 4th graders go to Kid’s Church during the “Passing of the Peace.” If you have not signed them up for Kid’s Church, please escort your child to the Great Hall.** Ending**For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus**

**\*Hymn and Psalm of Faith**

***“The Lord is My Salvation”***

**The grace of God has reached for me,  
And pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground.  
The Lord is my salvation.**

**I will not fear when darkness falls.  
His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun.  
The Lord is my salvation.**

***Who is like the Lord our God,  
Strong to save faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won.  
The Lord is my salvation.***

**My hope is hidden in the Lord.  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come.  
The Lord is my salvation.**

**Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
    whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
    of whom shall I be afraid?**

**When the wicked advance against me  
    to devour me,  
it is my enemies and my foes  
    who will stumble and fall.  
Though an army besiege me,  
    my heart will not fear;  
though war break out against me,  
    even then I will be confident.**

**One thing I ask from the Lord,  
    this only do I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
    all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord  
    and to seek him in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble  
    he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent  
    and set me high upon a rock.**

**I remain confident of this:  
    I will see the goodness of the Lord  
    in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord;  
    be strong and take heart  
    and wait for the Lord.**

***Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son.  
Glory be to God the Spirit.  
The Lord is our salvation.***

***Who is like the Lord our God,  
Strong to save faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won.  
The Lord is my salvation.***

**Sacrament of Baptism and Receiving of New Members**

**Congregational Response:**

**We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church,**

**and welcome to Fairview Church, a congregation of the Global Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to strengthen its ministries through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness as Christ’s representative in this world.**

**Prayer Requests**

*You are invited to come forward and pray at the altar during the Morning Prayer*

*time. If you would like to be anointed with oil and prayed for during this time, please meet Pastor Castile at the altar*.

**Call to Prayer**

***“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”***

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus.**

**Look full in His wonderful face,**

**and the things of earth will grow strangely dim**

**in the light of His glory and grace.**

**Morning Prayer** Rev. Harris

**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.**

**\*Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:21-23**

**Message “Don’t Give Up”** Rev. Harris

**\*Hymn of Invitation**

***“Great is Thy Faithfulness”***

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,**

**There is no shadow of turning with Thee.**

**Thou changest not, Thy compassions- they fail not.**

**As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

***Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!***

***Morning by morning new mercies I see.***

***All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.***

***Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,**

**Sun, moon and stars in their courses above**

**Join with all nature in manifold witness**

**To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,**

**Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,**

**Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow-**

**Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**\*Benediction** Rev. Harris

***Today we Celebrate the Baptism of Sheryl Sue Eulau!***

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| **Prayer Requests**  **CHURCH STAFF:**  **Rev. Gilbert Harris**, Senior Pastor  **Rev. Robert Castile**, Associate Pastor  **Melissa Tyler**, Executive Director  **Wesley Rouse**, Minister of Music  **Robby Clemens**, Administrative Assistant, Music  **Marguerite Wardlaw**, Organist, Music Ministry  **Sandra Rouse**, Pianist, Music Ministry  **Mindy Richardson**,Children’s Choir Coordinator, Music Ministry  **Sherrie Miller**,Children’s Ministry Program Asst./Admin. Asst. (Pastor)  **Donna Henry**, Children’s Ministry Director  **Sophie Goss**, Children’s Ministry Coordinator  **Jamie Talley**,Youth Minister  **Lindsey Kizer**,Junior High Ministry Leader  **Andy Blanchard**, Youth Ministry Assistant  **Roger Murphy**, College Ministry Coordinator  **Donna Foster**,Social Media Specialist/Receptionist  **Jennifer Cowan**, Bookkeeper  **Christy Wheeler**, Director, Preschool Ministry  **Kenny Francis**, Facilities Manager  **Ciarra Smith**,Custodian |

**Missionaries:** Costa Rica – Paul and Amy Priest; Guatemala/Orphanage, Hogar del Nino; Surge - Bruce & Kathy Alwood; Latvia – Kristine Rozefelde; Paraguay – New Horizons Schools; Zimbabwe – Eben and Nancy Chinzvende; Haiti – Gabe Lindor (Simple Church); Haiti – Daniel and Natalie Abercrombie (Access Health Alliance)

**US Based:** Pennsylvania - Shane Claiborne; Tennessee: Raising a Voice, John 3:16, Isaiah House, Smoky Mountain Fellowship of Christian Athletes

**Ongoing Health Requests:** Kenny Allmon, Vicki Borden, Marge Fugate, Judy Granlund, Virginia Groseclose, Gerry Lucas, Kermit Marcus, Wanda Marion, Raina Karras Myers, Virginia Porter, Rick Toombs, Mary Wilcox, John Wilson.

**Current Health Requests:**Allen and Jo Beliles, Levi Briskie, Luke Caldwell, Katie Langham, Linda Kidd, Sierra McConnaugley, Bill Merry, Billy Minser, Jessica Moore, Velma Spradlin, Curtis Trent, Janie Watson.

**Military:** Air Force – Steve Burdick \*, Charlene Carpenter, Will Gratz, Jeff Heath\*, Chad Humphrey, Josh Humphrey, Jef Hyatt, Blaine Nicholson, Jacob Robbins, Danny Smith, Rob Toth, Robb Wilson\*, Brian Wright, Jared Cassady. Army – Neal Buckingham, Christopher Cogburn, Luke Cox\*, Tony Ellis, Brad Hutsell, Jason McGeorge, Stewart Milne, Tori Simmons, Eli Tate, Wes Tate. Marines – Mikeala Buckingham, Tyler Buckingham, Elijah Dean\*, Fletcher Dukes\*, Derek Reimann, Daniel Romans\*. Navy – Jason Cassisi, Kurt Heidemann, Conner Lewis\*, Austin Lyttle, Jonathan O'Bannon, Alex Simmons, Jonah Watson\*.

Air National Guard –Tyler Isaacs\*, Scott Pritchard, Zach Tate.

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**Rev. Gilbert Harris, Pastor**

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