FAIRMOUNT



COME to the TABLE

live into communion

Sunday, October 18th, 2026

A Seat at the Table

11:00 A.M.

▲ *The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit*

Prelude Faith, Hope, and Love — Jason W. Krug
O come, everyone that thirsteth (Elijah) — Felix Mendelssohn

O come, everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto Him. O hear, and your souls shall live forever. (Isaiah 55:1)

Statio *Our "Holy Pause," is a period of silent centering, gathering as one body with one spirit.*

▲ ***Call to Worship***

Come to the Table. There's a seat waiting for you.

We come from north and south, from east and west;
we come to receive a gift we didn't earn.

At this Table, we belong to one another.

We offer our gifts and receive what others have to give.

Here, difference isn't a challenge to overcome.

At this Table, difference becomes communion.

So, come to the Table!

Let's live into communion.

▲ ***Hymn 375*** Shall We Gather at the River — HANSON PLACE

Welcome

Prayer of Lament and Confession

Kyrie 764 For the Troubles and the Sufferings — PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO

▲ ***Assurance of Grace and Passing of the Peace***

The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Prayer for Illumination Listen to the Word — CANADIAN

Listen to the word that God has spoken;
Listen to the One who is close at hand;
Listen to the voice that began creation;
Listen even if you don't understand.

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 55: 1-3

Time for Young Disciples

Anthem Fanfare for a Joyous Day — Judy Phillips

Second Scripture Reading Luke 14: 16-24

Sermon Tear Up the Seating Chart - RSVP Now

▲ ***Hymn 182*** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say KINGSFOLD

Moment for Mission

Call to Generosity

Offertory Come to the Water John Foley, S.J.
arr Lynda Hasseler

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

▲ ***Doxology 609 and Prayer of Dedication***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ ***Hymn 509*** All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

▲ ***Charge and Blessing***

Postlude Wade in duh Wadduh! Negro Spiritual
arr. William Farley Smith

Many in the congregation wish to remain seated for the postlude. If you choose to leave,
please be aware of those still participating in this part of the service,
including those participating via livestream.

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CHAPTERS at a GLANCE

Chapter 1: Setting the Table	September 13 - September 27
Chapter 2: A Seat at the Table	**October 4 - October 25**
Chapter 3: Table for One	November 1- November 22
Chapter 4: This is My Body	November 29 - December 20
Chapter 5: Turning the Table	January 10 - February 7
Chapter 6: Table Manners	February 14 - March 21
Chapter 7: We Need a Bigger Table	April 4 - May 9

Participating in Worship:
Jim Riggs, Director of Music Ministries
Rev. Andrew Genszler, Pastor
Dr. Tyler Young, Director of Media
Lisa Nester, Transitional Educator
Kate McFadden, Director of Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation
The Fairmount Choir

Sunday, October 18, 2026
8:30am Worship in the Chapel
9:00am Fairmount Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Undercroft
9:00am Soul Shop for Congregations
11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
12:15pm Youth Ensemble Rehearsal in Undercroft

Children are invited to Come to the Table at 8:30am
As part of our spiritual focus this year, we are working to make certain that Fairmount is offering everyone an invitation to the table. As a first step in this process, a Prayground has been added to the chapel. A Prayground is a space designated for young children to play quietly while they engage in worship in age appropriate ways. Stop by and take a look!

We want to see YOUR table!
As we begin this next chapter in this year's series, we need your help - please email or bring pictures of your table to Pastor Lindsay (lindsay@fpccle.org). That might be a beautifully spread Christmas dinner table, or your dining room table covered in art supplies and yesterday's water glasses! Maybe it's a picnic table you often sit at, or your kitchen table, or maybe your table at your favorite restaurant. We want them all! We will be creating a display in the welcome center and want to make sure your table is a part of it!

Explore Fairmount
Are you interested in learning more about Fairmount and what being a "member" really means? Join us for a **no-obligation conversation** on Sunday, November 1st, after worship. **We promise there won't be a time-share presentation.** Scan the QR code to learn more and let us know you are interested.

Music Ministries

CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra in concert at Fairmount on **Thursday, October 22nd at 7:30pm** in a program called American Roots with John McLaughlin Williams, conductor, Yaron Kohlberg, piano, and David Balakrishnan, violin.

Our next **Rush Hour Concert** is on **Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30 pm** with the Cleveland Winds, Birch Browning, conductor.

Spirituals Project 4th Quarter Update
Thanks to everyone who has donated so far to this project. To date we have raised $4,700.00 for three organizations that support black musicians in The Arts. For the fourth quarter your donations will support The Cleveland School of the Arts, the region's only comprehensive performing and visual and creative arts public high school. The bulletin board outside the sanctuary contains complete details about this ongoing project. Scan the QR code to make a donation.

Fairmount Happenings

Faith-Based Suicide Prevention Trainings
Over the summer, Lisa Nester became a certified trainer for the *Soul Shop Movement*, a faith based program that helps equip church members and leaders with the skills necessary to minister to those affected by suicidal desperation. She will be leading a training workshops in the coming months and all are invited to attend - mark your calendars.

- Saturday, November 7th from 8:30am-4:00pm - *Soul Shop* for Church Leaders, a full day training designed for those in positions of leadership in the church but open to all. FREE, but registration is required. Scan the QR code to register.

Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers on Sunday, October 25th
Your 2026 Nominating Committee (co-chaired by Elders Peg Zitzner and Susan Wherley) has been hard at work these past few months discerning candidates for Elder, Deacon, Endowment Trustee, and At-Large Nominating Committee members beginning terms on January 1, 2027. There are paper copies of the full slate on nominees for each office with photos and bios on the table leading into Sanctuary from Andersen Hall.

Turn Up the Vote!
On Sunday, October 25th, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Playhouse Square Plaza, you're invited to a free community celebration of our right to vote. This experience includes live DJs (including a line dance set), corn hole, a giant Connect Four game, and watching the Cleveland Browns take on the Tennessee Titans on the big screen. We're going to have a community vision board on which we'll ask people what they want for their neighborhoods and why showing up at the polls is how we get there. We're also going to have resources for people to make plans to vote: early voting info, Election Day details, and answers to their questions. Everyone is welcome, and we are not supporting or opposing any candidate, party, or ballot issue. Partners are Beloved Cleveland, Buckeye Veterans Coalition, and Project HALO.

Fairmount on the scoreboard!
What better way to practice being in community with our neighbors than to come to a Heights vs. Shaker football game on October 23rd! The game begins at 7:00pm at Heights High. You can get tickets by scanning the QR code. And as a bonus, thanks to a generous donation, you'll get to see Fairmount's name in lights on the scoreboard, along with a video inviting people to learn more about Fairmount! Plus, who doesn't also love cheering on a marching band, especially when we have Fairmount kids in them! You don't want to miss it!

Fairmount's Little Food Pantry – Thanksgiving Donation Drive
Fairmount's Little Food Pantry continues to serve many families in our community and we need YOUR help! During this season of Thanksgiving, let's come together and live into communion to support our community through donations to our Little Food Pantry. Throughout the month of **November**, we will be collecting **non-perishable food** and **personal care items**. Please place all donation items in the bins located on the stage in Anderson Hall. **Suggested donation items include:** Cereal, Boxed milk, Canned vegetables and fruit, Peanut butter, Jelly, Soups, Shampoo, Deodorant, Diapers.

Your kindness and generosity help make a real difference. Thank you for your continued support!

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at Fairmount on Fridays, 7:00pm–8:30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets in Fairmount's Dining Room on Fridays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Frank Socha or Pete McWilliams, peteandgreet51@gmail.com.

<u>Community Events</u>

North Church Comes to the Table
On Sunday, October 4, Fairmount Presbyterian Church invited our friends at North Church to *Come to the Table* where Love and Friendship dwelled. Many thanks for these 19 members who helped to provide the awesome Lunch: Wrean Fiebig, Kathryn/Ed Akucewich, Tuni/Lee Chilcote, Joanne Westin, Peg/John Zitzner, Gina Kashuk and family, Jim/Karen Dakin, Steve Chapman, Jerry Parker, Carol Adrine, Ben Sperry/ Susan Kent, Nikki/Sarah Monah and Donna Sens. We worked to make a difference and stood up where All Are Welcomed.

Save the Date! Reducing Costs and Pollution: Moving to Solar and Minimizing Electricity Usage
Sunday, November 15th , 1:30pm to 3:30pm at Fairmount
The Earth Stewards will hold a discussion about solar panel installations throughout Northeast Ohio. Mike Foley, administrator of Cuyahoga County Green Energy, will share his extensive experience with solar panels and micro-grids throughout the region. Others from Cleveland Owns, Fairmount, and St. Dominic's will also discuss their solar panel installation projects. Fairmount will present their 15-year project to reduce electricity use, costs, and carbon emissions. Join us for an afternoon to learn about the progress being made in Northeast Ohio around environmental and economic stewardship.