



Sunday, October 4th, 2026  
World Communion Sunday  
11:00 A.M.

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

*Prelude*

Prelude on “Darwall’s 148th”

arr. Brenda Portman

*Statio*

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

▲ *Call to Worship*

Why are we here?

**To reclaim our humanity.**

How will we do it?

**By embodying God’s love.**

What are we creating together?

**A home to find belonging, purpose, potential, and liberation.**

Who are we here to worship?

**We worship God alone.**

▲ *Hymn 305*

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL’S 148TH

*Welcome*

*Prayer for Illumination*

Listen to the Word

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**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*

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

*Second Scripture Reading*

Isaiah 25:6-9

*Sermon*

A Seat at the Table: The Joyful Feast!

▲ *Hymn 598*

Amen siakudumisa

AMEN SIAKUDUMISA

*Sung in Xhosa*

**A-men-see-a-koo-doo-mee sa-a-men-bah-woh**

*Call to Generosity*

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. (Refrain) *Jesus lives again earth can breathe again pass the word around: loaves abound!* Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone. Teaching people to live and to bless, love in word and in deed express. (Refrain) Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

▲ *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!

*Sacrament of Communion and the Prayer of Jesus*<sup>1</sup>

Our Beloved Creator,  
who lives in the eternal,  
your name is Love.  
May Love rule our hearts  
here and now,  
as it will in the eternal.  
Give us the gift of enough for today.  
Release us from our burdens and lead us back to you,  
that we may liberate others by our love.  
Protect our hearts from other desires,  
and rescue us from suffering.  
Amen.

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| <i>Response 507</i> | Come to the Table of Grace<br><i>Stanzas 1 and 5 only</i> | TABLE OF GRACE |
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| <i>Music at Communion</i> | It is Well with My Soul<br><i>(Text of Hymn 840)</i> | arr. Craig Courtney |
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| ▲ <i>Response 598</i> | Amen siakudumisa<br>Sung in Xhosa | AMEN SIAKUDUMISA |
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**A-men-see-a-koo-doo-mee sa-a-men-bah-woh**

▲ *Charge and Passing of the Peace*

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

<sup>1</sup> This prayer is a meaning-based translation of Matthew 6:9-13

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in loving memory of Katherine S.B.Mills from her family.



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| Chapter 1: Setting the Table          | September 13 - September 27   |
| <b>Chapter 2: A Seat at the Table</b> | <b>October 4 - October 25</b> |
| 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. Ryan Wallace, Pastor  
Rev. Andrew Genszler, Pastor  
Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Pastor  
Jackson Naglick, Organ Scholar  
Katie Wetherbee and Tim Cuff, communion preparers  
Tim Cuff and Gary Maddox, serving assistants  
Lisa Nester, Transitional Educator  
Kate McFadden, Director of Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation  
Dr. Tyler Young, Director of Media  
The Intergenerational Pop-Up Choir  
Linda Innes, flute  
Unique Stanfield, soloist

## Sunday, October 4, 2026 - Breaking Bread Sunday!

9:00am Fairmount Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Undercroft  
11:00am Breaking BreadWorship in the Sanctuary and Online  
12:00pm Breaking Bread Meal  
12:15pm Youth Ensemble Rehearsal in Undercroft  
12:30pm Club 4/5  
12:45pm Small Group Orientation Meeting



## Voter Engagement

Are you registered to vote? The voter registration deadline is tomorrow, **Monday, October 5th** ahead of the election on November 3rd. Check your registration on the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website, where you'll also find helpful non-partisan information for voters. Scan the QR code.



## Fairmount Happenings

### **2026-2027 Small Groups: *Find your people. Share your story. Discover what you have to offer.***

This fall, Fairmount is launching new Small Groups: groups of 8–10 people who will gather once a month from October through May to build relationships, share stories, and explore some of the deepest questions of our lives together. Over eight months, we'll explore belonging, purpose, potential, liberation, and what it means to become who we are—in relationship with one another. And by the end of the year, each group will also discern how the particular gifts of its members might become an offering to our church or wider community. You don't need to know everyone. You don't need to have the answers. Just come willing to know and be known. Interested? Scan the QR code or fill out the insert in your bulletin. We'll form groups based primarily on availability. All small groups are invited to an orientation after worship today.



## Voter Engagement Continued

On **Sunday, October 11th from 3:00pm-6:00pm**, you're invited to welcome the Interfaith Alliance to Cleveland, as they make a stop here on their cross-country "The Vote is Sacred" bus tour. Together we will participate in a communal art project centered on "Building a Beloved Cleveland." Pastor Ryan will be co-hosting the event in Playhouse Square Plaza with Ricky Smith, comedian, social entrepreneur, and founder of Something Good Social Kitchen.

## Music Ministries

**The Youth Ensemble** (Grades 6-8) will launch today. Please meet Jim Riggs in **Andersen Hall at 12:15pm**. Anyone in this age group is welcome to try it out. We will be playing the hand chimes and we will begin discussions about a name for our group.

## 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 News and Opportunities**

### **Spirituality in Nature Walk - October 10th at Acacia Reservation**

The next Spirituality in Nature Group (SING) walk will be held on Saturday, October 10th from 9:30am to 12:00pm. The location is at Cleveland Metropark's Acacia Reservation, 26899 Cedar Rd. in Beachwood. The walk will take place on ADA/accessible trails. For questions or to RSVP please contact Alycia at [ashburnlrc@gmail.com](mailto:ashburnlrc@gmail.com).

### **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 two training workshops in the coming months and all are invited to attend - mark your calendars.

- Sunday October 18th from 9:00am-10:30am - "Soul Shop for Congregations", a brief overview of the *Soul Shop* content for all church goers.
- 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 - form coming soon.

### **Lost and Found**

Are you missing a coffee mug, glasses, hat, or anything else? Stop by the lost and found bin on Andersen Hall stage.

### **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](mailto:peteandgreet51@gmail.com).

### **September Solar Success!**

Our solar panels had another fantastic month! In September, they generated 5,630 kWh of electricity, saving us \$859. Our 2026 avoided electricity costs have now reached \$7,368 to date. Additionally, Fairmount's solar panels have helped avoid nearly 75,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. Cheers to more sunshine, more savings, and more clean energy!

## **Community Events**

### **Hope for Creation Walk of NEO - Sunday, October 11th**

On Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, you are invited to walk 2.2 miles in support of Creation Care. The walk begins at the RID-ALL Green Partnership located at 2905 E. 81st St in Cleveland, 44104. The 2.2 mile round trip walk concludes with a brief program, fellowship, and refreshments. All are welcome!

Bring water, a snack, a hat, comfortable shoes and an open heart. Family, kids and friends are all welcome!

For more information or mobility needs, contact Jeff Campbell at [jeff.campbell@ccdacle.org](mailto:jeff.campbell@ccdacle.org).

### **Dougbe River School of Liberia Gala**

Please join us at the 2026 Gala supporting the Dougbe River School of Liberia, founded by our very own Isaac Monah! The Gala will be held on Sunday, October 18th at 4:30pm at the Banquet Center at St. Noel in Willoughby Hills. The Gala will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, dancing and drumming by the Djabo Cultural Arts Institute, a silent auction, and the chance to learn about and support the school. Learn more and purchase tickets by scanning the QR code.

