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MATTHEW 13

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April 26, 2026 | 10:45am

PREPARATORY SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Let us praise the Lord for His gracious power.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 77:16

“When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you,
they were afraid; Indeed, the deep trembled.”

*HYMNS OF ADORATION “Indescribable”

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Confession of Sin – Job 9:2b–12 (p. 535)

Confess sin of doubting the power of God, and instead trusting chiefly in man.

Assurance of Grace – Isaiah 43:1–3a (p. 767)

RESPONSIVE READING – Based on Psalm 107:23–31

Pastor: “We saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.

*Congregation: “**He commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.***

Pastor: “We mounted up to heaven; we went down to the depths; our courage melted away in our evil plight; we reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at our wits’ end.

*Congregation: “**Then we cried to the Lord in our trouble, and he delivered us from our distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.***

Pastor: “Then we were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought us to our desired haven.

*Congregation: “**Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!**”*

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE “The Battle and the Blessing” (Josiah)

PRAISES & REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SERMON TEXT **Matthew 14:22–33 (p. 1042)**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON **Jesus Walks on the Water**

*HYMN OF FAITH “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (No. 3)

BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF COMMISSION “Gloria Patri”

*“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.”*

*Please stand as you are able

**Children's worship is available age 4 through 1st grade

April 26, 2026

“Jesus Christ for Western Beaver County”

Songs for Worship

1 | Indescribable

1. From the highest of heights

To the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall
To the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming!

***Chorus - Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky
and You know them by name
You are amazing God.
All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.***

2. Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go,

Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow,
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night.
None can fathom. ***Chorus 2x's***

2 | I Sing the Mighty Power of God (No.9)

1. I sing the mighty pow'r of God
that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky!

3. There's not a plant or flow'r below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempest blow
By order of Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
is ever in thy care,
And ev'ry where that man can be,
Thou, God art present there.

3 | The Battle and the Blessing

1. **We did not bear the wounds that freed us**
Or walk the road to Calvary
We did not share Your cup of suffering
And yet we share Your victory.

2. **We did not wear that heavy burden**
Nor face the shame and agony
A crown of thorns was placed upon You
Now we are crowned with love and peace.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, my God,
now I am free.
At the cross, Your grace
took hold of me.
There You paid my debt,
there You fought my fight.
Yes, the battle was Yours,
And the blessing was mine.
(Last time, repeat last two lines 2x)

3. **You chose to be a man of sorrows**
That I can be a child of God
You stood and faced this world's rejection
I stand accepted by Your love. ***Chorus***

4. **My sin was buried with the Savior**
Now there is hope beyond the tomb
For You were raised again in glory
And I am raised to life in you.
Forevermore to live with You ***Chorus***

4 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (No. 3)

1. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation**
O my soul praise him for He is thy Help and Salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near!
Joining in glad adoration.

2. **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,**
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3. **Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,**
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee!
How oft in grief, Hath not He brought thee relief,
Spreading His wings for to shade thee!

4. **Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!**
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

Welcome

Welcome to worship. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. If you have any questions about God, the Bible, or our church, or would just like to say hello, please talk with Pastor Jeff.

Nursery is available. See or call JoAnna with any questions. 724-601-7153.

- **Children's Worship**, led by Diane Justice & Helper Grace K. Forton

The Lord's Day

9:30am – Sunday Education Hour

Sunday School opens at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Superintendent: Kara Masters

Kids and Youth Classes

Toddlers & Pre-K: Room LL 203 Marie Fowler,
Diane Justice & Marci Thoman

Kindergarten thru 3rd: Room LL204 - Emily Forton

4th thru 6th: Room LL304 Helen Lorah
& Lisa Barney

7th thru 12th: Youth Room – Naomi Oosting
& Rosh Raines

Adult Education Classes

The Minor Prophets led by Steve Lorah / Fellowship Hall
Now - June 28

Jonah: The Depths of Grace led by Mark Oosting / Kitchen
Now - April 26

Sunday Worship

10:45am Morning Worship – The gospels are like opening a curtain and seeing the life of Jesus Christ revealed. In today's text, Matthew 14:22-33, Jesus continues to do humanly-impossible things. Again, today, he shows how the laws of creation do not apply to him as he teaches Peter a lesson in Peter's own discipleship. What is so amazing about Jesus? Our service upholds the Gracious Power of God. Our sermon: "*Jesus Walks on the Water*" (Matthew 14:22-33).

Diaper Blessing – Zach and Emily McComas are expecting their third child. Let's bless this growing family with diapers and wipes, immediately following the worship service in the fellowship hall. Grab a cookie and say hello to the McComases.

6pm Evening Worship – Revelation 20:1-10 says that for 1000 years, Satan would be bound and the martyrs will reign. What does that mean? Pastor has taught us 3 of the four Millennial views. What is the last view? And what does Pastor believe on how we should view the Millennium? We end by bringing Revelation 20:1-10 home to life today. As time allows, Pastor will invite any questions.

This Week

Monday 10am Bowling – at Walnut Lanes | 420 Walnut Street East Liverpool, OH

Tuesday 6-8pm Fairview Food Pantry – We would like to restock the shelves with cereal, pancake mix, syrup, canned ravioli, canned sloppy jo, canned tuna, canned chicken, ramen noodles, pasta & pasta sauce, rice, canned fruit, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, peanut butter and jelly.

Wednesday 10am Ladies Bible Study – 1 & 2 Peter
"Living Hope in a Hard World" Child Care available.

6:30pm – 8pm Covenant Kids - Grades 1-5 are doing "Pilgrim's Progress." And 4yrs.- Kindergarten are doing: The Armor of God.

6:30pm – 8:30pm The ROCK – We meet for games, worship, Bible Study and snacks.

6:30pm Prayer & Study – We are using the book of Acts to guide our prayer.

Next Sunday

9:30am Sunday Education Hour – Join us for the opening in the sanctuary, before heading to class.

10:45am Morning Worship – "*Tradition that Corrodes*" (Matthew 15:1-9) – "Tradition" can create beautiful culture in everything from nations to families. But how should we view tradition? With biblical discernment. Jesus corrected stuck-in-the-mud scribes then, and corrects God-less conservatism today.

6pm Evening Worship – With small groups behind us, come make weekly evening worship a regular facet of your life. Fill your mind with hope: 4-6 more lessons remain of Revelation: All Things New.

Two New Adult Classes Starting 5/3/26

Proverbs and Parables: Part I - Stephen Hapach (Kitchen) The same Holy Spirit that prompted Solomon to tell riddles also inspired Jesus to tell stories. Proverbs speak to our minds, while parables speak to our hearts. As a group we will examine passages of both proverbs and parables, discussing and applying God's unchanging wisdom to our lives.

United in Christ: Thriving in Marriage and Parenthood - Jeff & Linda Lyden (Video Room) This class is designed to encourage and strengthen new and young marriages by building a Christ-centered foundation that honors God. Together, we will seek His guidance on how to protect, nurture, and grow your marriage according to His purpose. Through prayer, biblical principles, and open discussion, we will explore topics such as guarding your relationship from outside influences, raising children in faith and unity, balancing family and work in a way that reflects God's priorities, and developing financial unity through wise and faithful stewardship.

Congregational Announcements

New Membership Class – If you are 18 or older and wish to become a member of Fairview Church please sign up in the vestibule. Pastor Jeff will start the 5-week class on May 3, in the conference room every week.

National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7, 2026 - This is the 75th annual Day of Prayer. The theme is "Glorify God Among The Nations - Seeking Him in All Generations." 1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB.

Covenant Kids Closing Party – "The Lord is My Shepherd" You're invited to our Covenant Kids Closing Party as we explore the powerful truth of "The Lord is my Shepherd" from Psalm 23! We would like to end this school year by celebrating with the chapter we memorized this school year; Psalm 23. 🐑 The Lord is My Shepherd Night 📅
Date: May, 27th, 2026 🕒 Time: 6:30-8:00pm

This fun-filled evening will help kids discover how God cares for them like a loving shepherd. Through interactive activities, they'll learn that they can trust God to guide, protect, and provide for them every day. We will also enjoy our traditional ice cream sundae bar! Lastly, we will have a sendoff to our 5th graders as they move on to youth group.

Outdoor Worship Services - It's time to "Worship in the Park"! We will continue our recent tradition of worshipping in the park during the summer months this year. All outdoor services will be held every third Sunday of the month, **May 17**, June 21, July 19 and August 16th. At Ohioville Park, 506 Smith's Ferry Road about a mile from the church. The goal of this is especially to provide an extra avenue for bringing friends and family to worship. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share for lunch after the service! To "welcome summer", the Outreach committee will provide "dirt dessert" topped with flower sprinkles for the May luncheon. Rain plan is always to worship at Fairview!

Fairview Food Pantry – We would like to restock the shelves with cereal, pancake mix, syrup, canned ravioli, canned sloppy jo, canned tuna, canned chicken, ramen noodles, pasta & pasta sauce, rice, canned fruit, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, peanut butter and jelly. Monetary donations are appreciated at any time.

CEF Walkathon – Child Evangelism Fellowship of Beaver County welcomes you to join us for our 6th Annual Walk-a-thon! May 23, 2026, 10am-12pm at the Bradys' Run Health and Walking Trail. Bring the whole family for an enjoyable morning of live music, raffles, kids zone with face painting & bounce house, free snacks, & fun for all ages.

Save the Date! 2026 VBS June 8-12 - The King is Coming! Join us for a royal VBS adventure where we'll discover how to prepare for Jesus, the King of Kings! Fill out the volunteer sheet and return it in the offering plate by April 30th. Registration is now open.

VBS Crafts – There is a list to sign up for supplies needed and the **Craft supplies need to be in by Sunday, May 3**. The craft preparers will be meeting on Wed., May 6 at 10am to get the craft supplies prepared. (cut, sorted etc.)

Summer Camps Now Open!

Registrations are opened to sign up for Summer Camps, both for counselors and for campers!

- **What:** Kids' Camp (completed 1st-5th grade) and Super Summer Break (completed 6th-12th grade).
- **Why:** For rich spiritual renewal, worship, and strong Christian fellowship in our Presbytery.
- **When:** July 19-23, 2026 (Kids' Camp is July 19-22)
- **Where:** Laurelville Retreat Center (Mt Pleasant, PA)
- **Help given:** Fairview gives parents \$30 off per child for Kids' Camp and \$60 for SSB!
- **Registration:** Go to our site, www.fairviewpca.org. Scroll over "Ministries," then scroll over "Camps & Retreats," and choose which camp to register for.

Summer Mission Work

Wish to give your life away to God this summer?
That is great news! Here are several ways you can.

1. **West Virginia Summer Mission Trip** – Our church is taking a mission trip to West Virginia, July 25-August 1. Construction, VBS, and, possibly, assisted living service. Sign up in back. ALL AGES.
2. **Counselor at Camps** – One excellent way to serve the Lord this summer is by being a counselor at either our Kids' Camp or Super Summer Break (see above). July 19-23. Must be approved by our session.
3. **Good News Day Camp** – Aug. 3-7 & 10-14 from 9:30-2:30 at Prayer Mountain in Darlington PA, experience the best weeks of summer! You can help mentor, serve, and show the love of Christ in various capacities. Contact Edie Chaffee for more information at 724-508-0757 or beavercountycef@gmail.com.

Worship Helpers

Worship Leader.....**Ben Hardesty**
Audio-Visual**Jon Forton & Gideon te Velde**
Musicians.....**Linda D'Angelo, Josiah Forton**
Vocalist.....**Lindsey Hollabaugh**
Children's Worship.....**Diane Justice & Grace K. Forton**
Nursery.....**Kara Masters & Sandi Christian**
Greeters.....**Jacob & Naomi Shepler & Family**
Ushers**Chase Thoman, Josh Chaffee**
Stephen Hapach & William Phillips

Next Week's Helpers

Worship Leader**Pastor Emeritus Ric Raines**
Audio-Visual.....**Jon & Grace Forton**
Musicians.....**Linda D'Angelo, Josiah Forton**
Vocalist.....**Hannah Forton**
Nursery.....**Diane Justice, Kristine Masters**
& Lydia Hardesty
Greeters.....**Pastor Emeritus Ric & Dee Dee Raines**
Ushers.....**Tim Shepler, Austin Carelli**
John Hooks & Jacob Shepler

Sermon Notes

"Jesus Walks on the Water"

Matthew 14:22-33 (p.1042)

Prayers & Praises

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

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