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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 30, 2022

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We want to welcome you to Fairport UMC! We embrace the gift of diversity of our community and our world and proclaim that all persons are created in God's image. We celebrate all ways that the human family of Christ finds its diversity. Our vision is to nurture ALL people on their life journeys and to bring God's love to the world.

For the safety of all, please follow the guidelines posted around the narthex and sanctuary. Currently, masks are required and disposable masks are available for those who do not have one.

CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! There is a children's basket with Children's Activity Bags. For the safety of all, this bag will remain your child's bag for future worship services. Return it to the cart and it will be labeled just for you! We love to have the children stay in worship (wiggles and giggles are welcomed and sacred sounds). Currently, we are not able to offer a staffed nursery, but the nursery room is available and open to parents and little ones.

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (large blue hymnal)

FWS – The Faith We Sing (small black hymnal)

W&S – Worship & Song (small green hymnal)

Note: An Automated External Defibrillator is stored in the white wall case in the kitchen off the narthex.



FUMC is a Reconciling Congregation where all persons of any age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnic origin, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, diverse ability or social status are welcome without reservation to share in God's love.

ORDER OF WORSHIP**JANUARY 30, 2022**

The chimes call us to gather.**WE GATHER**

It's time to celebrate; we are in the presence of God.
We invite you to joyfully prepare your hearts to receive God's love
and to feel connected to the Body of Christ this day.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Penni Farrington today and thank her for leading worship this Sunday during Pastor Richelle's leave.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, the words of God come to us, in love,
inviting us not to be afraid, but to place our faith in God.
Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith,
inviting us to trust in the One who knows us, to place our hope in the One who saves us.
Today, the Word of God comes to us, in hope,
inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.
In faith, hope, and love, let us come together to worship God.

PRELUDE*The Gift of Love*

Carter

OPENING PRAYER

Teach us today what it means to love; not a love that we have conjured up in our minds, or a love that we have seen on movie screens, but real love. Challenge us in the ways we have chosen not to love. Move us toward genuine patience, kindness and humility. Let us be moved to love especially when it is inconvenient and difficult. Teach us today what it means to love one another as you have loved us. **Amen.**

 *HYMN *How Can We Name a Love*UMH 111
vs. 1, 2, 4**GOD SPEAKS**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13

For the Word of God in Scripture; For the Word of God among us;
For the Word of God within us. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE*The Most Excellent Way*

Rev. Penni Farrington

ANTHEM (9:00)*Welcome to God's Love*
Early Choir

Miller

(10:30)

Love Is...
Chancel Choir


Martin

WE RESPOND

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

You are invited to use a name for God that is most meaningful to you.*WE GO FORTH**

 *HYMN*The Gift of Love*

UMH 408

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***Prelude Alla Breve*

Fischer

Let us take these few moments for preparation,
for worship is over....the service begins.

Flowers on the altar and stand are given by Karen and Jerry Felgenhour to welcome our visiting pastor this morning, Penni Farrington, and in honor of the residents of the Pines of Perinton who lost everything in the fire.

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Opening Prayer: Homiletics Online, January, 2016

Prayer of the Day: The Presbyterian Church of Canada

SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

Welcome to God's Love

*Families of all shapes and kinds, love the only tie that binds
This gathering of open minds, welcome to God's love.*

*Every person has a place in this holy, sacred space,
Earth's entire human race, Welcome! Come and feel God's love!*

*No proof required of your worth, a gift to you before your birth
From God, who made the heavens and earth. Welcome to God's love.*

*We'll love each other and take care of every need encountered there,
Within God's heart there is room to spare. Welcome to God's love!
Come, and live God's love!*

Love Is...

*Love is patient. Love is kind. Love forgives a thousand times.
Love is faithful, ever true. Love in time makes all things new.
Love is gracious. Love is strong. Love admits when there is wrong.
Love is tender. Love is light. Love rejoices in the right.*

REFRAIN:

*Love is the whisper of angels, God's anthem of hope in the night.
Love is the music that calls us home. Love is the song of life.*

*Love is constant. Love endures. Loves is gracious, ever sure.
Love is humble, never proud. Love remembers every vow.
Love protects and perseveres, wipes away the falling tear.
Of every gift from heaven above, the greatest one of all is love. REFRAIN*

*If we gain all knowledge and wisdom, if we join with the heavens in song,
If deep in our hearts, love has no part, our song has no meaning at all. REFRAIN*

PRAYER REQUESTS

- o We lift those who suffer during this difficult year - especially those who lost their homes and belongings in the devastating fire at the Pines of Perinton. We thank God that no one was seriously injured and bless our community for reaching out so actively to those impacted. There is information on how you can help in the announcements.

- o We lift Norman White, father of Courtney Pedersen, in prayer this week as he underwent heart surgery in Florida. We pray for a swift recovery and for his family to be surrounded in grace and peace during this anxious time.

- o We continue to pray for those in our community and church family who are battling COVID. We pray for their health and wellness and for the strength of our entire community to continue on through this pandemic.

- o We remember those who mourn, including the family and friends of Pat O'Reilly. A memorial service will be held here at church today at 3:00pm.

- o We continue our prayers for those who are in need of healing: **Carol Christensen, John and Maureen Hall (both recovering from surgery), Sandy Baldwin, Terrie Sleeman, Linda Marsters, Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Judy Darrer.**

- o We pray for all those who are homebound or in nursing homes: **Wini Adams, Nancy Baldwin, Dave and Carolyn Hebert, Janette Barley, June Konz, Shirley Prudom, Lois Spencer, Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire at the Pines of Perinton

On Tuesday morning, a fire broke out at the Pines of Perinton apartment complex here in Fairport and destroyed the homes of at least 40 families. We thank God that no one was seriously injured and grieve at the devastating loss of housing for so many. Our Fairport community has reached out in abundance to those whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the fire. We have been working behind the scenes with our local community to see what we can best offer to help during this traumatic time. Here is what is needed at this time:

Financial Aid: The Town of Perinton has created a Pines of Perinton Fund for victims of the tragedy. Please consider donating to this fund. Checks can be brought or mailed to the Town Hall (1350 Turk Hill Rd., Fairport).

Clothing: Please refrain at this time from donating clothing until the current offerings have been sorted and the need can be more accurately advertised.

Housing: If you currently have an available apartment, or know someone that does, please consider offering housing to one of the many families who are now homeless as a result of the fire. You may contact the Town of Perinton with your details.

Non Perishable Food Goods: Non perishable food goods are needed and may be donated through the Perinton Food Shelf.

Habitat for Humanity: New Date!

It is not too late to help work on our house at 871 Smith Street in Rochester! There is a spot open for **February 4**. If you need help registering, please contact Rick Hill or Carlee Brown at rickhillco@aol.com.

St. Joseph's Shelter

This week's needs are: **small bags of chips, lunch bag size cookies, juice boxes, granola bars, winter hats, winter gloves.** Donations can be put on Mark Renfro's porch-50 South Ave, Fairport.

While Pastor Richelle is on leave

If you are in need of pastoral care please contact the church office (223-9560 or fumc@fairportumc.org) and the on-call pastor will be in touch with you!

Youth Group

Youth Group meets today at 4:30pm. See the Family Ministries Email for more information.

Calling Young Musicians!

Do you have a piece you would like to play in church? Have you been getting music ready for Solofest or Gold Cup this month? Let Nicole know if you'd like to share your talents in worship! (nicole@fairportumc.org)

Styrofoam Recycling at FUMC

There is an area in the coat room at the top of the stairs. Thank you for doing your part to help our environment! Please, **NO FOOD CONTAINERS.**

Valentines for Seniors

Help brighten Valentine's Day for a senior living in one of the housing complexes co-sponsored by our church—Fairport Apartments and Jefferson Park. Many have no family in the area and/or no longer receive visits or holiday cards. All you need to do is sign a card with your first name and name of your church, school, or community then place it in the box in the parlor on or before Sunday, February 6. Please contact Rick Hill if you have any questions.

Altar Flowers

We need people to sign up to provide flowers for the altar for the next few months. The cost is only \$20, and you can take the flowers home after the second service. You can sign up on the chart across the hall from the church office, or call/text Jane Tucker at 789-8140 or Terrie Sleeman at 662-3488. We will contact you to get all the info needed, and you help make our sanctuary beautiful during these cold winter months. Thanks!

FAMILY MINISTRIES

READ IT

This week's Bible story is
Jeremiah
from Jeremiah 1:4-10



Jeremiah spoke for God to the people.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Jeremiah
- God
- God's Hand
- Prophet

Jeremiah is perhaps the most reluctant prophet in the Bible. He really hated his calling. The entire book of Jeremiah is filled with the prophet's personal spiritual struggles.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 176-177

Spark Bible page 813

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for prophets who speak for you. Open our ears and hearts that we might hear your word as spoken through other's voices. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What do you think God's hands feel like?
- 2 Jeremiah is told that God will put words in his mouth. What does that mean?
- 3 What would it be like to be a prophet?
- 4 Use old magazines and newspapers to look for words that God might use when trying to tell us what is going on in the world. Make a collage of "God words" to hang in your home.



Eye Spark

When you're brushing your teeth, look in the mirror at your mouth. Remember the story of how God touched Jeremiah's mouth.



Ear Spark

Next time you hear the noise of a music group or sports team practicing, remember that God and Jeremiah were a team.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday,</i> January 30	8:15am 9:00am 9 & 10:30am 3:00pm 4:30pm	Early Choir - S Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Worship Celebration of Life: Patrick O'Reilly - S Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
<i>Monday,</i> January 31	7:00pm 7:30pm	Boy Scouts - FH UMM - Zoom
<i>Tuesday,</i> February 1	7:00pm	YMST Meeting - Zoom
<i>Wednesday,</i> February 2	7:30pm	Chancel Choir - S, 113
<i>Thursday,</i> February 3	11:30am 6:30pm	Grace Class - offsite Bell Choir - S
<i>Friday,</i> February 4		
<i>Saturday,</i> February 5	12:00pm	Al Anon (In Person)
<i>Sunday,</i> February 6	8:15am 9:00am 9 & 10:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Early Choir - S Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Worship Scout Leaders Meeting - FH Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher: Rev. Penni Farrington

Livestream Operator: Julie Woodruff

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