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CHRISTMAS DAY!

DECEMBER 25, 2022

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## WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome 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. *Masks are currently optional.*

*Disposable masks are available in the coatroom and narthex for those who would like one.*

## CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! There is a cart in the Narthex with Children's Activity Bags. We love to have children stay in worship (wiggles and giggles are welcomed and sacred sounds). We are not currently offering a staffed nursery, but the nursery room is available and open to parents and little ones. The service is also livestreamed in the nursery so you and your child can still participate in worship!

## OPEN TABLE

Communion is celebrated once a month (usually on the first Sunday of the month) and all (including children) are welcome at the table. We have gluten free bread for those who need it. Please ask the servers when receiving. If you don't want to receive communion but would like a blessing, you can indicate that to the pastor.

## WORSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

\*indicates to stand in body or spirit

**bold print indicates congregational response**

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (large blue hymnal)

FWS – The Faith We Sing (small black hymnal)

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



**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.**

→GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE←

The chimes call us to gather.

*It's time to celebrate; we are in the presence of God.*

*We invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God's love*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

I have good news!

**I have good news!**

Christ is born!

**Christ is born!**

Joy is alive!

**Joy is alive!**

God is here.

**God is here.**

Thanks be to God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Amen.

PRELUDE

*In Quiet Joy*

Dupré

\*HYMN

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

UMH 220

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, too often we feel as if change is hopeless. The problems of this world feel too big, the path forward is unclear, and we are not confident that we can truly make a difference. We give up hope.

*Liturgist snuffs out the candle of hope.*

Together we pray: **Forgive us for extinguishing hope.**

Holy God, too often we believe that peace is a thing of fairy tales. Our spirits are anxious. Our bodies are weary. Our world is fractured. Instead of praying for peace—both in ourselves and in our society—we assume that peace is no longer on the table. We give it up.

*Liturgist snuffs out the candle of peace.*

Together we pray: **Forgive us for extinguishing peace.**

Holy God, too often we paint joy as naive—a luxury reserved for children and pets. We forget that you ate with friends, that you went to weddings, that you laughed and rested and hiked mountains. We forget that you knew joy, and that you want joy for us in this fractured world. Forgive us for turning away from your light.

*Liturgist snuffs out the candle of joy.*

Together we pray: **Forgive us for extinguishing joy.**

Holy God, too often we treat love like a vending machine. We put some coins in and assume that we'll get something back. However, in our wiser moments, we know that love is not meant for keeping score. Love is meant to overflow, to spill out to our neighbors, to transform our world. Forgive us for holding love so tightly.

*Liturgist snuffs out the candle of love.*

Together we pray: **Forgive us for extinguishing love.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

### —LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD—

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

POETIC READING OF JOHN 1:1-5

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*

UMH 250

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-21

STORYTIME

“All The Colors of Christmas”

by Mathew Paul Turner

### —RESPONDING IN LOVE—

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Welcome to Our World*  
Nicole Camilleri, soprano

Rice

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CREATIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

—MOVING IN GOD'S WAY—

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Like Mary, we believe in cherishing good news.

**Like the angels, we believe in singing God's praise.**

Like the shepherds, we believe that God's presence in our life is something worth talking about.

**Like generations before, we believe that God is with us.**

Like the generations to come, we believe that God is with us.

**God is here.**

God is love.

**We believe.**

Thanks be to God!

\*HYMN

*Joy to the World*

UMH 246

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccatina on "Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Elliott

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

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SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

**Welcome to Our World**

*Tears are falling, hearts are breaking;*

*How we need to hear from God.*

*You've been promised, we've been waiting,*

*Welcome, holy Child.*

*Hope that You don't mind our manger,*

*How I wish we would have known.*

*But long-awaited holy Stranger,*

*Please make Yourself at home.*

*Bring Your peace into our violence,*

*Bid our hungry souls be filled.*

*Word now breaking heaven's silence,*

*Welcome to our world.*

*Fragile finger sent to heal us,*

*Tender brow prepared for thorn,*

*Tiny heart whose blood will save us,*

*Unto us is born.*

*So wrap our injured flesh around You,*

*Breathe our air and walk our sod.*

*Rob our sin and make us holy,*

*Perfect Son of God.*

*Welcome to our world.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ☐ For Martha Weber and her family upon the passing of her father on December 8th.
- ☐ For all the college students taking finals and traveling for Christmas break.
- ☐ For Deb Keller and husband Tim. Deb's cancer has come back several time now and has spread to her lungs (Kevin Gordon).
- ☐ For anyone grieving during the Christmas season.
- ☐ For peace in our world instead of oppression, injustice, and violence.
- ☐ *We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing:*  
**Todd Christensen, Dave Eisler, Jan Taylor, Cindy Jack, Ed Lewek, Carol Christensen, Susan Newman, Dwina Joy, Maddie, Barb George, Shirley Robinson, John Pattison, Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin, Terrie Sleeman, Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Judy Darrer, Jeff Latsha, and Wally Robinson.**

## *Merry Christmas!*

Thank you for worshiping with us this Christmas Day at the Fairport United Methodist Church! It is a blessing to have you here to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Here at Fairport UMC, ALL are welcome as beloved children of God.

We extend a special thank you to our readers and musicians today for sharing their gifts.

You are invited to enter into the Christmas story as if you were really present for the birth of Christ. Let the amazing news of the birth of our Savior fill your hearts with hope, love and grace. This story is God's story and this is YOUR story.

Let it overwhelm you with joy!

If you are in a position to make a special Christmas Gift today, please use the envelopes in the pew racks. All that is given in these envelopes will go to help purchase beds for Ukrainian refugees in Rochester through Saint's Place.

Gifts not in the envelopes will go toward our church's operating budget.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Again, we are glad you have chosen to be with us, and we invite you to participate in future opportunities for worship, fellowship, and outreach.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **The Sunday Dinner Ministry - Is still looking for more delivery people!**

Sunday Dinner could use a few more volunteers to help deliver meals to our grateful recipients. FUMC cooks and delivers meals on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Delivery volunteers pick the meals up from the kitchen at Noon and can expect the delivery to take about 30-45 minutes depending on route. Most of the deliveries are in the Fairport / Perinton area. The commitment can be monthly or less than that, as your schedule permits.

Please reach out to Louise Kurz ([louise.kurz@gmail.com](mailto:louise.kurz@gmail.com)) for more information.

### **Beyond These Walls Shelter Visits Starting Up Again!**

Help Needed at Centers for People who are Experiencing Homelessness

**FUMC has served two homeless centers in Rochester since 2004.**

- ☐ One of the centers/shelters is the Sanctuary House serving women and children.
- ☐ The other is Francis Center serving men.

Small teams from our church have taken a meal the 4th Sunday of every month prepared by the Sunday dinner Ministry. We serve the meals, share time with the residents, offer prayer request forms and hold a Holiday Party with gifts for each person in December.

Many folks at FUMC have given their time to help at the Francis Center and Sanctuary House over the years. We would welcome members of our congregation to sign up to help once or twice a year at either center.

Please see a sign-up sheet in the hallway near the office, or you can contact Judy Bermudez or Susan Striegel for more information.

**Judy (for the Sanctuary House) 585-746-8056 or [Judybermudez@hotmail.com](mailto:Judybermudez@hotmail.com)**

**Susan (for Francis Center) 585-425-9898 or [sgolembe@gmail.com](mailto:sgolembe@gmail.com)**

### **Stewardship: 2023 Pledge Envelopes**

The availability of the 2023 Pledge Envelopes **will be delayed until mid January.** Our provider ran into a supply-chain issue and is running behind with their manufacturing / printing schedule.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday, December 25</i>	9:30am 11:30am	Worship ***One Service*** Sunday Dinner - K
<i>Monday, December 26</i> <b>Church Office is Closed</b>	1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH UMM Study Group
<i>Tuesday, December 27</i>		
<i>Wednesday, December 28</i>	10am 11:30am	Building Alarm Testing Joy Club (Offsite)
<i>Thursday, December 29</i> <b>Church Office is Closed</b>		
<i>Friday, December 30</i>	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday, December 31</i>	12pm	Al Anon- P
<i>Sunday, January 1</i>	9:30am	Worship ***One Service*** Epiphany and Communion

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operators:** Julie Woodruff

**Reader:** 9:30am - Eric Leinenbach