



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 2023

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 coloring pages, crayons and 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 live streamed 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.

— SEEKING THE HEART OF GOD —

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

What is it like to begin again?

It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.

It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.

It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.

It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

May we find God in our seeking.

May we learn as we go.

May we be brave enough to begin again.

Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

PRELUDE

Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 1

Bach

Rebecca Camilleri, cello

*HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH 383

vs. 1,2,3,5

— SEEKING WISDOM —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

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!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

Sung twice

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

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

Seeking: How do we begin again?

Rev. Richelle Goff

— SEEKING GRATITUDE —

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

Spirit, Sweep Through Me
Early Choir

Mengel

(10:30)

The Spirit Makes All Things New
Chancel Choir

Choplin

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— SEEKING WHOLENESS —

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life, you call us into unknown places,
and we bury our heads in the sand.
You promise all the stars in the sky,
and we doubt it can be true.
You speak of new life in the Spirit,
and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.
Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you.
**Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to
begin again with you. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:
There is a grace to God's love that is bigger than we can imagine.
No matter what we did or didn't do yesterday, we have been forgiven.
Today, the slate is wiped clean. Today, we are made new.
Join me in saying:
We belong to God. We are held in God's love. We are made new. Amen.

— SEEKING GRACE —

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

FWS 2257

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

it is right to give our thanks and praise...

Parts (b) – (d) are sung responsively.

“Hosanna in the highest!” is sung in unison each time.

THE LORD’S PRAYER*

UMH 895

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

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

— MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR SEEKING —

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows,
who welcomes our questions,
who invites us to begin again.**

**We believe that Jesus showed us a new way,
a deeper faith,
a more compassionate existence.**

**We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this foundation,
and that no matter how many times we lose our way,
God always welcomes us home.**

Amen.

*HYMN

Begin Again

See insert

BENEDICTION

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

seeking: How do we begin again?

begin again

DIX ("For the Beauty of the Earth")

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: Conrad Kocher (1838)

In the deep night of the soul Rich in ques-tions yearning for
In the sun-set of our life Af-ter years of joy and strife
Ev-ery mo-ment, ev-ery hour Spir-it gifts us with the power

Life that mat-ters far be-yond Pick-et-fen-ces and front lawns
As we pon-der le-ga-cy Won-der-ing what we will leave
To be-gin our life a-new What then will we choose to do?

When we tire of life mun-dane We can still be-gin a-gain
When the lights are grow-ing dim We can still be-gin a-gain
Close a chap-ter, lift the pen To once more be-gin a-gain

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Prayer Requests from Sanctuary House

Leeann: For my family to be reunited; my husband is in another shelter, and we can't be together unless we have our own place.

Lindsey: For my healing and a full recovery.

Kiana: For a better life.

Suzette: For my basic needs and for my family; for reconciliation of all my children after a brutal, life changing divorce.

Lachelle: For my children and me to be reunited and for the surgery I need to be successful.

Gail: For health and a house so I can get my son back.

Unnamed: For my health and wellness, my kids, my cat and especially for an apartment

Danielle: For Scott's complete healing and recovery following surgery.

Donna: For my mother, Joan, who has been given a couple months to live; for my own health as I am going through a lot of surgeries and just want to walk again.

Debbie: For my sons Matt, Chris, and Jake; for help with finances so I can get an apartment of my own.

Doretha: For my two sons, my daughter, and my grandchildren.

Thomas: For Anthony, Ilyana and the world.

Delores: For me and my family.

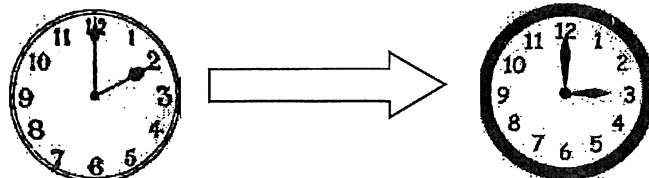
Chamier: For me to have strength and a healthy baby.

Tonya: For my children, my goddaughters, and a home.

Sanctuary Client: For protection for all clients in all homeless shelters throughout the Rochester community.

Reminder: Spring Ahead is coming!!

Set your clocks ahead Saturday night March 11th.



SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

The Spirit Makes All Things New

As warmth bring new blossoms to trees in the spring

And rains bring renewal to all living things,

In every heart that is open and true, the Spirit can make all things new.

Follow the Spirit and find your place.

Come to the source of renewal and grace.

Bring your heart that is open and true.

The Spirit can make all things new.

All who believe and live in Christ, they are a new creation.

Behold, the old things are passed away. Behold, all things are made new.

Lord, when we're burdened with sin and regret,

Come to forgive us and help us forget.

Through our confession and healing You prove:

Your Spirit can make all things new.

Rejoice, for the morning's a gift from the Lord.

Claim the new life that's renewed and restored.

Live in the present, rejoice in the truth.

The Spirit can make all things new.

So let us live in the present, rejoice in the truth.

We pray, "Spirit, come, let Your will be done."

Come, Spirit, and make us new.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Naomi Circle: March 9th

Church History discussion with Chip

Naomi Circle will meet on Thursday, March 9 in the Parlor to hear Fairport United Methodist Church history shared by our own Chip Rieck who really knows the history!

Pie-Pi Day: March 12th

******Mark your calendars******

When you think of pie, do you think "delicious" or "mathematics?"

You are cordially invited to "Pie-Pi Day" at FUMC following the second service in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 12. You may choose among an assortment of pies as we celebrate!

Please sign-up on the board in the narthex by March 5 so there will be plenty of pie.

"It's always good to have dessert first"

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

Today's flowers are in honor of our staff from Betsy O'Connor.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Vicki Deady, who is home after a successful hip surgery.
- For all those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.
- For peace in our world, instead of war, oppression, injustice, and violence.
- *We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing:*
Annie Taggart, Jack Starr, Todd Christensen, Jan Taylor, Ed Lewek, Carol Christensen, Dwina Joy, Barb George, Shirley Robinson, John Pattison, Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin, Terrie Sleeman, Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Judy Darrer, Jeff Latsha, Wally Robinson.
- *We pray for all those who are homebound or in nursing homes:*
Cindy Jack, Dave and Carolyn Hebert, Ruth Howard, Janette Barley, Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh.

SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

Spirit, Sweep Through Me

Teach my eyes to see your glory.

Teach my ears to hear your voice.

Teach my tongue to speak with kindness.

Teach my voice to sing your praise.

Sweep through me, Breath of God; fill me with your Spirit.

Teach my hands to work for others.

Teach my feet to stand for truth.

Teach my mind to seek your wisdom.

Teach my soul to know your peace.

Sweep through me, Breath of God; fill me with your Spirit.

Sweep through me, Breath of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Lent This Year

It is our prayer that everyone here at FUMC has a meaningful Lenten season and this is what we have to offer for your spiritual development. Our theme this year (from *A Sanctified Art*) is SEEKING and is founded on questions. Many of our weekly questions feel restorative. Some feel like a charge or challenge. Some questions are hopeful and curious. Our questions won't necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, we pray they lead to a new beginning, a restoration, a wider grace.

Worship: Each Sunday at both 9 & 10:30 we will be exploring honest questions for deeper faith.

Devotionals: There is a beautiful devotional for you to use throughout the season. You can view this online for free (E-News link).

Prayer Cards: In addition to the devotional there are daily prayer cards that you can receive via email each morning - just inform Richelle or the Church Office and we'll sign you up.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and also via our E-News link.

Bike Trip Meeting: March 5th

*****Today*****

All Youth (current 5th through 12th graders and their families) are invited and encouraged to attend the first meeting for Bike Trip 2023 on March 5th after the 2nd service.

Fellowship Hall is the place to be to learn all of the details about this loved youth group tradition. This meeting is for you if.....

- You know with 100% certainty that you / your youth are excited, are planning to go, and want to learn all about the mission and fun of Bike Trip!
- You think you / your youth might like to go but you have questions and you want to learn more.
- You / your child are hesitant but recognize that this is a great opportunity for FUMC youth to build connections and make great memories and want to learn more

Important information new to Bike Trip 2023 will be shared, packets with registration information will be passed out, a video showing the FUN that is had at Bike Trip and YOUR questions will be answered at this meeting.

Get the information you need to make an informed decision.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday, March 5</i>	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 11:45am 6pm	Early Choir Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Bike Trip Meeting Boy Scout Leadership - P / FH
<i>Monday, March 6</i>	1pm 7pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH, Ruth Circle - P
<i>Tuesday, March 7</i>	10:15am 12&4pm 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - Parlor The Bible Year Study Group - 204 Joyful Noise - 206 SPRC-204/Zoom, YMST
<i>Wednesday, March 8</i>	10:30am 12:30pm 7pm	Cancer Support Group - Zoom Perinton Pastoral Association Chancel Choir - 113, S
<i>Thursday, March 9</i>	9:30am 4pm 6:30pm	Naomi Circle - P Social Justice - Zoom Bell Choir - S
<i>Friday, March 10</i>	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday, March 11</i>	12pm	Al Anon - P
<i>Sunday, March 12</i>	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 11:45am	Bell Choir Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Pie-Pi Day - FH

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