



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 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. All our bread is gluten free. If you don't want to receive communion but would like a blessing, you can indicate that to the pastor.

## WORSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

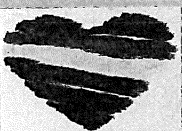
\*indicates to stand in body or spirit

**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

OPENING LITANY

PRELUDE *Larghetto* Handel

\*HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* UMH 280

— SEEKING WISDOM —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & SCRIPTURE READING

(Please see insert - Featuring Matthew 21:1-11)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

\*HYMN *Filled With Excitement* UMH 279

MESSAGE *Seeking: Where are you headed?* Rev. Richelle Goff

— SEEKING GRATITUDE —

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

(9:00) *Do You See That Man?* Nagy  
Early Choir

(10:30) *Blessed Is He* Choplin  
Chancel Choir

\*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 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 —

\*HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*

UMH 159

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Lift High the Cross*

Shackley

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

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the Nashville / Covenant School community in the aftermath of the mass shooting on Monday.
- For the family and friends of Nancy Richardson (widow of Brook Richardson's brother), who passed away recently.
- For Tim, (Betsy O'Connor's brother), recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- 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:*

**Lorraine Rieck, Annie Taggart, Jack Starr, Todd Christensen, Ed Lewek, Carol Christensen, 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.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM FRANCIS CTR MARCH 26, 2023

- > Scott asks for release from the Devil and his demons in the name of Jesus.
- > Eddie asks for prayers for himself and the Francis Ctr for helping him.
- > Mike asks for prayers for housing and finding a new church family.
- > Bill, a widower, asks for prayers for his late wife Maureen and children in Cooperstown.
- > John asks for prayers for himself, his girlfriend Lisa, and family in New Jersey.
- > Howard asks for prayers for housing.
- > Redmond asks for his family to be safe and disease-free, and for the Thompson family to be safe from all hurt, harm and danger.
- > Paul asks for prayers for affordable, safe housing.
- > Tyrone asks for prayers for himself, family, friends, and everybody that doesn't have enough time to pray for himself.
- > Richard asks for guidance and help finding a job, dealing with sleep problems, and focusing on day to day tasks.
- > Rafael asks for salvation for me and my wife and children.
- > Anonymous asks for prayers for Alice S. and adds "you are missed."

## FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Today's flowers are given in honor of God's grace.

### SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

#### **Do You See That Man?**

*Do you see that Man, the one the Prophets called Emmanuel?*

*Do you see that Man they're calling Lord of all?*

*Do you see that Man, the one who calls himself the Way?*

*I want to see Him! He'll be here today!*

#### REFRAIN

*Hosanna! Wave your branches high,*

*Throw your garments before Him as He passes by.*

*Hosanna! Come and hear what He'll say.*

*Hosanna! He's coming our way!*

*Hosanna! He's coming today!*

*Do you see that Man, the one the Baptist called the Lamb of God?*

*Do you see that Man they're calling to be King?*

*Do you see that Man, the one who calls himself the Son?*

*I want to see Him! He must be the One!*

#### REFRAIN

#### **Blessed Is He**

*Look in the distance, what can you see?*

*I heard the Messiah is coming. Could it be?*

*We have been praying and waiting so long.*

*Now the crowds gather to see, I see it clear,*

*The waiting is over and now the Messiah is here.*

*He is here!*

*Arise and shine, your light is coming. Look and see.*

*The glory of the Lord is rising, look and see the Lord.*

*Come, prepare the way before Him. Blessed is He.*

*Make the highway straight before Him. Blessed is the Lord.*

*Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Bring your joyful songs of praises. Come and sing.*

*Raise your voice and wave the branches. Come and sing to the Lord.*

*Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Come and praise the Lord. Hosanna, come and praise the Lord!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Easter Flower Donation

This year we will have a variety of Easter / Spring plants that will decorate the altar area on Easter Sunday. As always, we are asking the congregation to purchase the altar flowers; then you're free to take the plant home after Easter Sunday services.

Plants are each \$10.00.      **Deadline is April 4th**

The form to fill out for Easter Flower Donations can be found on the table in the back of the Narthex, or via a link in our E-News. You can also use the QR Code below (which is also on the hardcopy form) and fill out the form electronically.

You can drop off / send in your donation payment to the church office. Preferred method is by check made out to FUMC with a notation of "Easter Flower Donation" on the memo line.

***Thank you in advance for any donation!***

Scan with smart-phone camera



Use QR Code for  
online orders / donations.

### Our Church is doing a new pictorial directory!

**When:** May 2nd and May 3rd between 2pm and 8:30pm, here at the church.

We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our new directory will be complete and up to date.

***IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!***

You can make your appointment online using the link provided in our E-News...OR you can make an appointment today after worship in the narthex with Mark Renfro.

### Handbell Concert at FUMC - on May 20!



On **Saturday, May 20 at 3pm**, we are hosting a **handbell concert** in our sanctuary, given by the **Finger Lakes Bronze Bell Choir!** They are a community ensemble based in Newark, NY. All are welcome to attend the concert!

If you are interested in being an usher, greeter, or helping with a reception, please contact Nicole (nicole@fairportumc.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### **Stewardship: 2023 Pledge Envelopes - Have arrived!**

For anyone who requested Pledge Envelopes for 2023 they've arrived and are on the table in the back of the narthex.

### **Bike Trip Meeting - April 16th - Room 214**

Earlier this month, Youth Ministry held the first Bike Trip meeting of the year. It was great to have some new faces present and see the excitement beginning to build for this summer's trip. We know that there were several families who were not able to attend that first meeting and so we have scheduled two additional opportunities for first-timers to view the Bike Trip PowerPoint and learn how much fun this this annual tradition is.

Our next meeting will be held at 10am immediately following the first service in Room 214 (the Jr High Youth room).

We look forward to having anyone who is interested in learning more about Bike Trip attend this meeting.

### **Faith Steps - April 30th after the 2nd service**



Join us for a time for your family to gather and grow together in your faith by attending our **Sacraments Family Experience**.

Join the Children's Ministries team and Pastor Richelle as we explore the meaning of Baptism and Communion in the United Methodist Church. Learn through interactive active ties, and an informal "Ask the Pastor" time. We'll conclude by celebrating Communion together.

Deepen your walk with Jesus and help your children gain an understanding of the purpose, symbolism, and importance of the Sacraments, especially within the United Methodist Church. This family-friendly event for grades K-5 is from 11:45am-1pm **Sunday, April 30th** in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Church Office Temp Help Needed!**

We are looking for someone to handle church office duties when Kevin is on vacation in May. Coverage dates needed are M-F, 5/8-5/12 and 5/15-5/19. It would be around 3-4 hours each day. If you or someone you know might be interested in handling Kevin's responsibilities in his absence, please contact Barry Bermudez at [bbermude@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bbermude@rochester.rr.com) or 585-208-7711. Thanks!

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<p><i>Sunday, April 2</i></p> 	<p>9am 9 &amp; 10:30am 10am 1:15pm</p>	<p>Adult, Youth, &amp; Children's Sunday School Worship UMM Pancake Breakfast - FH Rain Date for Youth Cleanup at Rieck's Farm</p>
<p><i>Monday, April 3</i></p>	<p>1pm 7pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH, Ruth Circle - P UMM Bible Study</p>
<p><i>Tuesday, April 4</i></p>	<p>10:15am 12&amp;4pm 7pm</p>	<p>Staff Meeting - Parlor The Bible Year Study Group - 204 SPRC-204/Zoom, YMST</p>
<p><i>Wednesday, April 5</i></p>	<p>1:30pm 7pm</p>	<p>Star Group Chancel Choir - 113, S</p>
<p><i>Maundy Thursday, April 6</i></p>	<p>5pm 6pm</p>	<p>Community Worship Service - Perinton Presbyterian *Community Seder - Mountain Rise UCC *Reservations required</p>
<p><i>Good Friday, April 7</i></p>	<p>10:30am 12pm 7pm</p>	<p>Heart Listening Small Group Community Cross Walk: First Congregational UCC Tenebrae Service</p>
<p><i>Saturday, April 8</i></p>	<p>12pm</p>	<p>Al Anon - P</p>
<p><i>Sunday, April 9</i>  <i>Happy Easter!</i></p>	<p>9 &amp; 10:30am</p>	<p><i>Christ Is Risen!!</i></p>

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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**Custodian - Jamie Gualtieri**

### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator: Barry Bermudez**

**Reader: Mary Martin**

**Feed the Spirit: UMM Pancake Breakfast - Fellowship Hall**



## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION & SCRIPTURE READING**    Featuring Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

**God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.**

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

**God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.**

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

**Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.**

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

**Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, “Hosanna!”**

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.**

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!**

