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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

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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 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

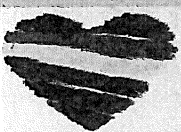
\*indicates to stand in body or spirit

**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

We gather together—

**the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers, in hopes of seeing God.**

We gather together—

**the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.**

We gather together—

**those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, in hopes of finding justice.**

So come to the well,

come to the table.

Come, let us worship God. Amen.

PRELUDE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

arr. Austin

Bell Choir

\*HYMN

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH 127

— SEEKING WHOLENESS —

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors?**

**How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine:

we could lose the bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still belong to God.

This is the good news of the gospel:

**God's grace is deeper than any well. We are seen, loved, and forgiven.**

**May this realization change and inspire us. Amen.**

## — SEEKING WISDOM —

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

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!**

#### ANTHEM (10:30)

*Come Just As You Are*  
Chancel Choir

Sabolick

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

#### \*HYMN

*You Who Are Thirsty*

FWS 2132

#### \*SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

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: Will You Give Me A Drink?*

Rev. Richelle Goff

## — SEEKING GRATITUDE —

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Abide with Me*

arr. Moglebust

Bell Choir — Jay Blaufuss, violin

#### \*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

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.

— MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR SEEKING —

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice.

**We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.**

We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.

**We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the abandoned.**

We believe in asking questions.

**We believe in curiosity.**

We believe in giving people a drink.

**May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

FWS 2190

(No 'leader/all' parts; everyone will sing the whole hymn.)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Allegro Appassionato, Op. 43*

Saint-Saëns

Rebecca Camilleri, cello

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

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Craig and Ethan Sleeman's birthdays!

The flowers on the stand are from the Millards in celebration of the  
90th birthdays of Carolyn and Dave Hebert!!

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## SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

### **Come Just As You Are**

*Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;*

*Come and see; come, receive; come and live forever.*

*Life everlasting and strength for today;*

*Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.*

*Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;*

*Come, receive Christ, the King; Come and live forever.*

*Come and live forevermore.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Kevin Berry, recovering after knee replacement surgery.
- For Dick Coyne (Stacie Fell's father), who is in the hospital.
- For the family and friends of Dwina Joy, who passed away.
- For the family and friends on the deaths and injuries caused during the Rochester Armory stampede on March 5th.
- For all people, and especially youth, with mental health challenges.
- 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, 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Meeting the Threat of Religious Nationalism Presentation - Today March 12th

You have a very exciting opportunity to engage the topic of religious nationalism and how to stand against it with an expert in the field.

Today at 5 pm, Katherine Stewart will be speaking at Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, as the guest of a wide consortium of local faith organizations including GRCC.

The event is free but registration is required via the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/MeetingTheThreat>

Stewart is an investigative reporter who has covered religious liberty, politics, policy, and education for over a decade. She is the author of a new book *The Power Worshipers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism*.

### Welcome Brunch! - March 19

*New to Fairport UMC?* Join Pastor Richelle in the Parlor, on March 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service (11:30am) to learn more about our church and ministries! Children are welcome!

RSVP: [Richelle@fairportumc.org](mailto:Richelle@fairportumc.org)

### A Note on Today's Music!

*Thank you* to Third Presbyterian Church in Rochester for letting us borrow their **5th octave of handchimes** for worship this morning! These additional chimes will be used in both pieces we are playing! (Look and listen for the big, low chimes!) We currently own 5 octaves of bells and 4 octaves of chimes. Handchimes are beautiful when used along with the bells, and they are also great to use with younger ages since they are a bit easier to play and not as fragile as handbells.

### 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.

## 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.*

### Pie-Pi Day: March 12th

**\*\*\*It's Today\*\*\***

*Figuring March 12th is close enough:* The Naomi Circle of the United Women of Faith (Formerly the UMW, or United Methodist Women) is providing a fun time of fellowship for our church with a Pie- $\pi$  experience in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

Enjoy some fellowship and a wide assortment of pies to celebrate this unique quirk of math and the joy of being part of this church family.

For those of you creative geniuses, you can also join a small group of  $\pi$  lovers by writing a Pi Poem, or Piem. Write a poem, much like a Japanese haiku, where each successive word follows the number in the string of Pi, which is 3.14159265358979323 . . . of course the number continues into infinity.

So you get the hang of it, here is a sample:

Yes, I want, (3.14) A slice, (1 5) Delicious pi, (9 2) Please. (6)

### Stewardship: 2023 Pledge Envelopes - delayed until mid March

Our provider ran into a supply-chain issue and is running behind with their manufacturing / printing schedule so our Pledge Envelopes continue to be delayed.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday</i> , March 12	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 11:45am	Bell Choir Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Pie-Pi Day - FH
<i>Monday</i> , March 13	1pm 7pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH, UWIF- P
<i>Tuesday</i> , March 14	10:15am 12&4pm 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - P The Bible Year Study Group - 204 Joyful Noise - 206 Finance, Worship Team
<i>Wednesday</i> , March 15	1:30pm 7pm	Star Group Chancel Choir - 113, S
<i>Thursday</i> , March 16	6:30pm 7pm	Bell Choir - S CMT - Zoom
<i>Friday</i> , March 17	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday</i> , March 18	10am 12pm	FACTS - P AI Anon - FH
<i>Sunday</i> , March 19	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 12:30pm 4pm 4:30pm	Early Choir Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Sunday Dinner (Resurrection) - K / FH Euchre & Games - FH Confirmation - 214

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator:** Rick Hessney

**Readers:** 9am - Lorraine Rieck 10:30am - Tom Deever

**Feed the Spirit:** Carol Richardson