



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 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

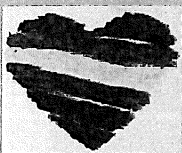
*indicates to stand in body or spirit

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Scripture is full of questions ...

Where are you?

Am I my brother's keeper?

Whom shall I send?

Who do you say that I am?

Who sinned?

How many times shall I forgive?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Scripture is full of questions, so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Larkin

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

— SEEKING WHOLENESS —

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Who here has sinned?

We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need.

We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Have you sinned?

I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

— SEEKING WISDOM —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 9: 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)

The Light of God's Love
Joyful Noise Choir

Burrows

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Open Our Eyes

FWS 2086
Sung twice

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 9: 8-41

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: Who Sinned?

Rev. Richelle Goff

— SEEKING GRATITUDE —

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
Early Choir

Bobb

(10:30)

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
Chancel Choir — Jeff Halik, flute

Farrell/Raney

***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 in a merciful God,
**a God who does not keep score,
a God who wants good for us.**
We believe in a creative God,
**a God who would heal with mud,
a God capable of seeing what we cannot.**
We believe in a saving God,
**a God who heals,
a God who greets our questions with patience,
a God who sends us out with hope in our step.**
What wondrous love is this. Amen.

***HYMN**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major

Bach

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

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SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;

Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing every dread disease,

Calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle, word;

Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;

From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.

Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.

The Light of God's Love

Look into my heart, what do you see? God's light shining in me.

And I can reflect God's image, shine so bright, it will chase away the darkest night.

It's a light that's brighter than a thousand stars above, the light of God's love.

Deep down in your heart, you've got it too, God's light shining in you.

And you can reflect God's image, shine so bright, it will chase away the darkest night.

It's a light that's brighter than a thousand stars above, the light of God's love.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

And we can reflect God's image, shine so bright, it will chase away the darkest night.

It's a light that's brighter than a thousand stars above, the light of God's love.

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

REFRAIN:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. REFRAIN

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. REFRAIN

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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, 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.

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Today's flowers are from Dodie Maier in memory of her husband, Ray.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for your thoughts, cards, and prayers during my recovery from a car accident. It meant so much to me to be remembered. I know that your prayers were a key to my recovery. Fondly, Jan Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Brunch! - Today!

New to Fairport UMC? Join Pastor Richelle in the Parlor, today, after the 2nd service (11:30am) to learn more about our church and ministries! Children are welcome!

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)

UMM Breakfast - April 2nd (Palm Sunday)

United Methodist Men will host an egg, sausage and pancake breakfast in Fellowship Hall for the congregation on Palm Sunday, April 2. ***Breakfast will be served from 10 am until 12:30 pm.***

Instead of charging for the breakfast, a free-will offering will be collected with the proceeds given to UMCOR and Perinton Food Shelf.

In order to help us prepare, please sign-up in the narthex or email Dave Dupont at ddupont@rochester.rr.com.

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 activities, 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.

Euchre Tournaments and Game Days - When: Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 pm.

Doors open and registration starts at 3:30 pm.

Where: Both gatherings will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Plan on a couple of afternoons of fun and fellowship this Spring.

There will be music and drinks, ***and snacks are always welcome.***

So, bring yourself, bring a friend, or bring a leprechaun.

Christ welcomes all to the table(s). Singles will be paired up.

Everyone is guaranteed a partner.

For questions or to schedule a time to learn how to play, text or call Eric Leinenbach at 748-1233.

15 minutes to learn. A lifetime of happiness! :)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 19	8am 9am 10am 9 & 10:30am 12:30pm 4pm 4:30pm	Early Choir Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Joyful Noise - 206 Worship Sunday Dinner (Resurrection) - K / FH Euchre & Games - FH Confirmation - 214
Monday, March 20	1pm 7pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts COA - S & P
Tuesday, March 21	11:00am 12&4pm 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - P The Bible Year Study Group - 204 Joyful Noise - 206, Outreach Trustees
Wednesday, March 22	11:30am 7pm	Joy Club - P Chancel Choir - 113, S
Thursday, March 23	6pm 7pm	Bell Choir - S Social Justice Committee
Friday, March 24	9am 10:30am	Cooking Ministry Prep - K Heart Listening Small Group
Saturday, March 25	12pm	Al Anon - FH
Sunday, March 26	9am 9 & 10:30am 12:30pm 5pm 6pm	Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Sunday Dinner - K / FH Beyond These Walls Shelter Visit Boy Scout Leadership - P / FH

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Julie Woodruff

Readers: 9am - Carol Christensen 10:30am - Nancy Beaman

Feed the Spirit: Jane Tucker