



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

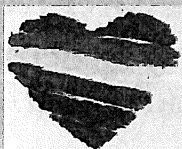
*indicates to stand in body or spirit

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

Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?

Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?

If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house.

Hope lives here.

So, come. Rest your weary bones.

Let us worship Holy God.

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Kerr

*HYMN

Walk On, O People of God

UMH 305
vs. 1, 2

— SEEKING WHOLENESS —

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus of Nazareth,

I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.

I forget that you, too, have wept.

I forget that you, too, have lost.

I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb,

have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.

Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.

Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, Amen.

— SEEKING WISDOM —

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Can These Bones Live?

See insert

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

STORIES OF RESURRECTION

John 11:1-3,17-44 and Ezekiel 37:1-14

(braided together by Rev. Wes Cain)

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: Can these bones live?

Rev. Richelle Goff

— SEEKING GRATITUDE —

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

Thy Word

arr. Carter

(10:30)

Keep God's Light

Patterson

Chancel Choir — Mick George, percussion

*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 God loves us—

God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.

We believe that God does not give up on us—

breathing new life into tired bones.

We believe that God returns to us—

always seeking us when we are lost.

We believe that God holds hope for us—

so we hold onto hope as well.

We believe, help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN

Lord of the Dance

UMH 261

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts

Callahan

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

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Scripture Reading Combination: Rev. Wes Cain

SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

Keep God's Light

REFRAIN:

Keep God's light before you; keep God's truth beside you;

Keep God's hope to guide you everywhere you go.

Keep God's peace within you; feel God's strength defend you;

Let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul.

Hold on in times of sorrow; hold on through days of despair;

Even in the darkest valley, God will always be there. REFRAIN

Look now to days of gladness: God's light still shines the way,

Never fading, never failing, teaching us as we pray. REFRAIN

Hold on, hold on; God will show you the way.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Pat Hemmenway, who is undergoing cancer treatments.
- For the family of Ken Evans, who passed away on March 22. Ken was a long time member of FUMC, and was very active in the life of the church years ago, and we are grateful for his faithful discipleship.
- For our Sunday Dinner Ministry Team and our neighbors.
- For our neighbors at Francis Center (Men's Shelter) and those who will be serving there this evening.
- 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Sarah & Wesley Atwood (daughter & son-in-law of Ginger & John Field) on the birth of their daughter, Cora Rose Atwood on Wednesday, March 22.

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Flowers today are from Holly Warren, in honor of her son-in-law Jeremy's birthday and in memory of her father-in-law Elliott's birthday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 10am to 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

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
Dave Dupont will be able to help you
select an appointment today after worship in the narthex!

Save the date! - Saturday, May 20 at 3pm!



We will be 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).

Stewardship: 2023 Pledge Envelopes - Update

Our stewardship / giving envelopes were printed on March 20th and now we're waiting for them to get packaged and delivered - so the outlook is by the end of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Bike Trip Meeting - *Today and again on 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 annual tradition is.

Today's 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.

Lent This Year

Our Lenten theme this year (from *A Sanctified Art*) is SEEKING and is founded on questions re: a wider grace. There is a beautiful **devotional** for you to use throughout the season. You can view this online for free (E-News link).

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.

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.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday</i> , March 26	9am 9 & 10:30am 10am 12:30pm 4pm 5pm 6pm	Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Bike Trip Meeting - 214 Sunday Dinner - K / FH Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group - FH Beyond These Walls Shelter Visit Boy Scout Leadership - P / FH
<i>Monday</i> , March 27	1pm 7pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts COA - S & P
<i>Tuesday</i> , March 28	11:00am 12&4pm 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - P The Bible Year Study Group - 204 Joyful Noise - 206 Church Council
<i>Wednesday</i> , March 29		
<i>Thursday</i> , March 30	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
<i>Friday</i> , March 31	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday</i> , April 1	12pm 1:15pm	Al Anon - FH Jr. & Sr. High Youth: Cleanup - Rieck's Farm
<i>Sunday</i> , April 2 	9am 9 & 10:30am 10am 1:15pm	Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship UMM Pancake Breakfast - FH Rain Date for Youth Cleanup at Rieck's Farm

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Rick Hessney

Reader: Betsy O'Connor

Feed the Spirit: Karen Hartnett

Holy Week 2023

Below you will find the events of Holy Week. We pray you will carve out time to observe the events leading up to Easter! Please remember to RSVP for the Community Seder by March 28th.

SUN APR 2: PALM SUNDAY:

WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?

9:00 am & 10:30 am Fairport UMC

Matthew 21:1-11

APR 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY - Community Worship Service - 5pm

Perinton Presbyterian Church, 6511 Pittsford Palmyra Rd, Fairport, NY 14450

Community Seder - 6pm

Congregation Etz Chaim, 2 Mountain Rise, Fairport, New York 14450

Located at Mountain Rise UCC.

Rabbi David Abrahams and Congregation Etz Chaim have graciously extended an invitation to the all the churches in Perinton to a Community Seder.

We will gather a little before 6pm. ***RSVP's are required by March 28th.***

Please call FUMC to let us know if you will be attending and if you will have any children under 13. You can also sign up in the Narthex. You can also find information on items you can bring for the meal.

APR 7: GOOD FRIDAY - Fairport Community Cross Walk - 12pm

We will gather at noon at First Congregational UCC, 26 E Church St, Fairport, NY 14450

We will sing a song and then begin our walk through the village stopping at various locations to listen to scripture and to be in prayer. Each church in the community will have someone to carry the cross and to lead readings. If you are interested in helping please let Pastor Richelle know.

Tenebrae Service Fairport UMC - 7pm

"Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "darkness." This service involves the segmented reading of John's story of the trial, sentencing, execution, death, and burial of Jesus. After each segment of the story is read, a candle is extinguished. After the fifteenth reading, which confirms that Jesus had died on the cross, the last of the 15 lit candles will be extinguished. The final story of the burial is read in near darkness, with the only light being used by the reader. Worshipers will reflect and leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the celebration of the coming Resurrection.

If you are interested in helping to read during the Good Friday Tenebrae Service please let Pastor Richelle know.

SUN APR 9: EASTER SUNDAY:

WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

9:00 am & 10:30 am Fairport UMC

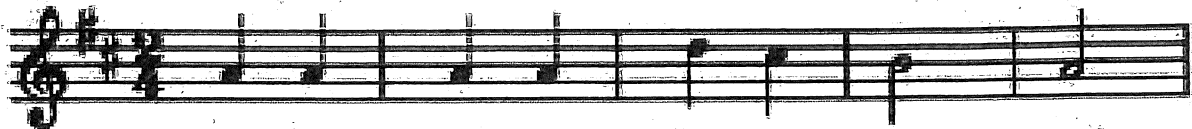
John 20: 1-18

can these bones live?

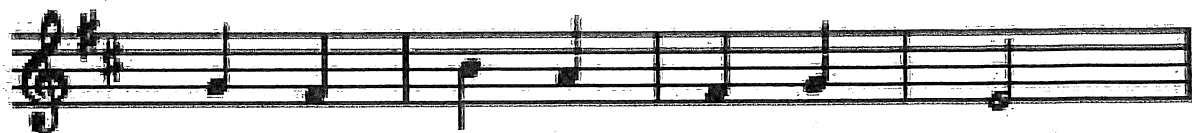
LAUDA ANIMA ("PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN")

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

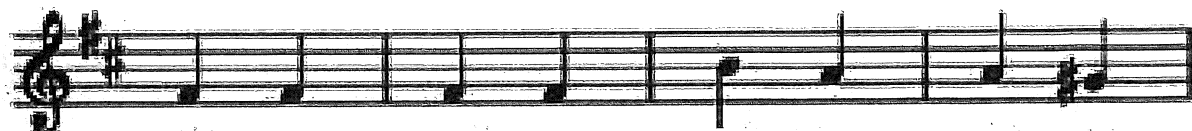
Music: John Goss (1869)



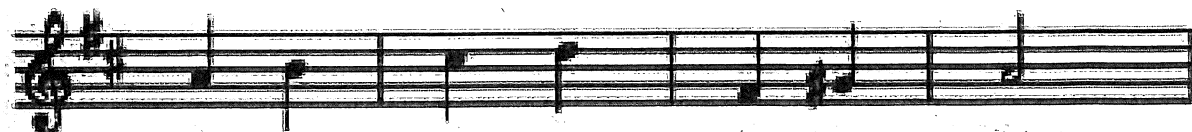
When the past is dead and bu - ried
When our hearts are bowed in sor - row
When our spi - rits feel so bro - ken



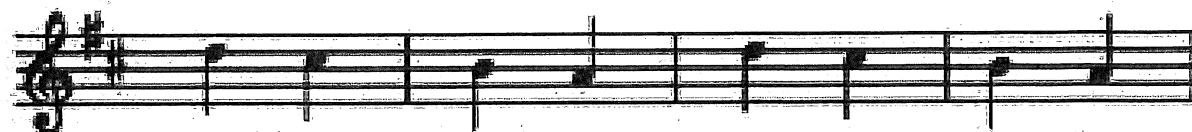
Life - less in the bar - ren ground
And the grief is new - ly wrought
Wrapped in lin - ens and en - tombed



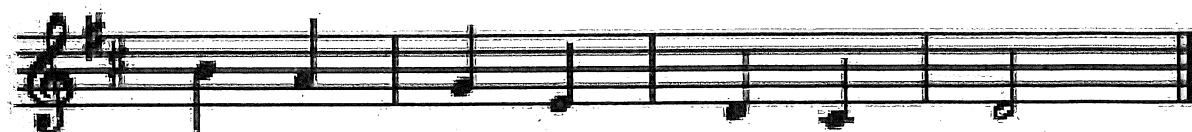
What good can e - merge from ash - es?
Cry - ing "If you'd on - ly been here"
With - out hope and with - out feel - ing



Where can an - y life be found?
Weep - ing for what we have lost
As the storm clouds 'round us loom



Breathe in deep the rush - ing Spl - rit
Re - sur - rect our hearts and spi - rits
Hear the words of life from Je - sus



Life is grow - ing all a - round
Liv - ing God whom we ex - alt
"Come out, be un - bound" and bloom