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4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT / UMCOR SUNDAY

MARCH 10, 2024

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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 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 livestreamed in the nursery so you and your child can still participate in worship! Sunday School (children/youth/adult) is at 9am.

## 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 use all gluten/dairy free bread. 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.

→ GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE →

*It's time to celebrate; we are in the presence of God.*

*We invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God's love.*

The chimes call us to gather.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Allemande from Suite No. 1*

Bach

Rebecca Camilleri, cello

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

On our worst days,

**God is good.**

On our best days,

**God is good.**

When life is consistent,

**God is good.**

And when life turns on its head,

**God is good.**

Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

**God is good. God is here. God is love.**

Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!

\*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

— LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD —

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

**Holy God,**

**We often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense.**

**Like Peter, we want to yell out, “This should not happen!”**

**We want to control scenarios beyond our reach.**

**We want to hold your world in our hands.**

**Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity.**

**Forgive us for arguing when we could listen.**

**Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many.**

**Softening our hard edges and teaching us how to listen.**

**With hope in our hearts we pray, Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-23

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)

*Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace*

Pethel

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

UMH 396

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (9:00)

Shane, Caitlyn & Elliott Stoffle

MESSAGE

Wandering Heart: "I'm fixed upon it"

Rev. Richelle Goff

— RESPONDING IN LOVE —

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Return to You*

Olgun

from *A Sanctified Art*

Nicole Camilleri & Ed Caskey

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 400, vs. 1

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

\*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.

## — MOVING IN GOD’S WAY —

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God of second chances,  
**a God who sees through my stubbornness  
and holds my fear with tenderness.**

I believe that this God of second chances  
uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.

**Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.**

I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible.

I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

**This change is holy and important work, although challenging.**

**When fear and scarcity plague me,  
or when the impossible feels out of reach,**

**I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.**

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

**Amen.**

### \*HYMN

*It Is Well with My Soul*

UMH 377

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude in D Major*

Hesse

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

## FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

9am: Roses are in celebration of our new members, the Stoffle Family! Welcome!!

Today's flowers are from Jerry and Karen Felgenhour  
in celebration of their daughter's birthday: "Happy Birthday, Michelle!"

## PERMISSIONS

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the Shick family on the sudden passing of their 58 year old son, Rick (from Bob and Phoebe Grow).
- For people everywhere dealing with extreme weather and hazardous conditions.
- For peace in our world, instead of war, oppression, injustice, and violence.
- For the Middle East, Ukraine and other countries in the midst of the horror of war.

### ***We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing***

Becky Gualtieri, Susan Grau, Ed Lewek, Barb George, Shirley Robinson,  
Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin, Carol & Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Judy Darrer,  
Jeff Latsha, John Hall, Jen Simpson, Marlene Beisler, Betty Brandt

### ***We pray for all those who are homebound or in nursing homes***

Shirley Ward, Cindy Jack, Carol Snow, Ruth Howard, Cindy Stanton,  
Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh, Wally Robinson (CT), Dave and Carolyn Hebert (KY)

## SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

### **Return to You**

*I've read the stories of heartache and of glory. I've prayed every prayer for you.  
And I've tasted glory because you say we're worthy. I've sung every song for you.*

*But I have a wandering heart and a fickle faith.*

*Can you find me here, can I see your face?*

### **REFRAIN:**

*Help me return to you. There's nothing I'd rather do than return to you.*

*The storm may rise, the trumpet sound, the curtain tear, and even now,*

*Return to you, there's nothing I'd rather do than return to you.*

*I'll leave the boat, but when the storm comes, I'll let go and I'll sink faster than a stone.*

*And I've called your name when the world is full of pain,*

*But I still need to see your hands.*

*Cause I have a wandering heart and a fickle faith.*

*Can you find me here, can I see your face?*

### **REFRAIN**

## SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS CONTINUED

### **Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace**

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

*Tune my heart to sing thy grace.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF  
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
WITH THE PERINTON PASTORAL ASSOCIATION**

**When: March 10, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

**Where: Fairport UMC, 31 W. Church St.**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Julius D. Jackson**

**Pastor of The United Church  
of Pittsford**

**Topic: "Living the Dream"**

**The whole community is invited.**

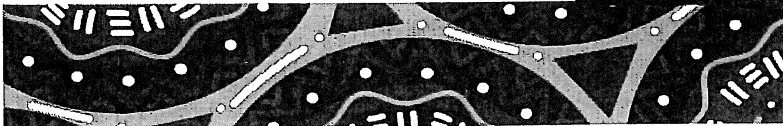


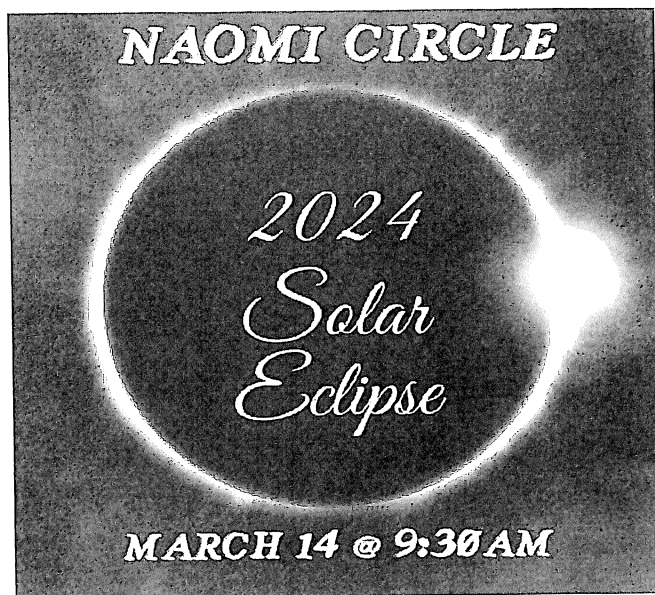
You are invited to this important event  
**Today!**

The Perinton Pastoral Association is  
hosting a community gathering to hear  
Rev. Julius Jackson, Jr. speak.

He will be interviewed by Maureen  
McGuire.

Since this event is going to be held at  
our church it would be great to see a  
large number of attendees!





### **Eclipse News for FUMC!**

You are all invited to join the Naomi Circle at **9:30am on March 14 in the Parlor** for a presentation by Tom Deeever about the eclipse. Tom taught college astronomy for 10 years and has been an amateur astronomer all his life. He has seen and photographed 2 solar eclipses. He will offer information about the eclipse as well as share his spectacular photos.

We will have the special safe viewing glasses available for \$2.00 each.



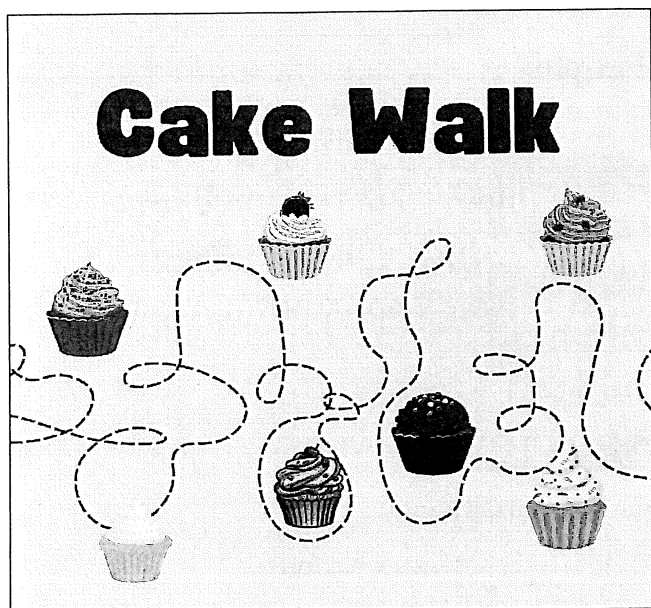
### **All Church Winter Carnival**

Get ready for the church wide Carnival on ***Sunday March 17th!***

There will be games, activities and so much FUN centered around this year's theme, "READY, SET, MOVE!!!"

Follow Jesus here, there and everywhere!"

***We are looking forward to seeing everyone after the second service.***



### **Cupcake and Cake Donations**

United Women in Faith are once again hosting the Cake Walk booth. UWF is asking for donations of cupcakes and cakes which will be used as the prizes for the Cake Walk.

***Please bring your goodies to the church parlor on Sunday, March 17.*** They can be decorated however you choose...fitting the carnival theme or not.

The goal is to just be a part of the fun! See you on the 17th!! ***Thank you!***

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	9am 9am & 10:30am 5:30pm 6:30pm	Sunday School & Adult Forum Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group “Living The Dream” with Rev Julius Jackson Jr. - S
<b>Monday, March 11</b>	1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH, UWIF Leadership - P Men’s Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, March 12</b>	10am 11am 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - P The Chosen Video / Discussion - 204 (Last session) Joyful Noise - 206 Worship - P
<b>Wednesday, March 13</b>	11:30am 7pm	Joy Club - P Chancel Choir - 113, S
<b>Thursday, March 14</b>	9:30am 6:30pm 7pm	Naomi Circle - P Bell Choir - S CMT - 214/ Zoom
<b>Friday, March 15</b>	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<b>Saturday, March 16</b>	12pm	Al Anon - FH
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	8am 9am 9am & 10:30am 11:30am 4pm	Bell Choir - S Sun. School & Adult Forum Worship Winter Carnival Confirmation

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

**Ministers - All God’s People**

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### HELPING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator: Barry Bermudez**

**Readers: 9am - Carol Christensen    10:30am - Mary Martin**

**Feed the Spirit: Nancy Beaman and Lorraine Rieck**