



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 3, 2024

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) 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

Spring Song
Rebecca Camilleri, cello

Bridge

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Inspired by Psalm 19*

If you ask the sky who God is,

the sky will tell you of God's reach.

If you ask the day who God is,

the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

If you ask the night who God is,

the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). Are you listening?

We are listening!

We will sing of God's glory.

Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

vs. 1,2,4

— LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD —

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

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!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

Joy Leinenbach

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Walk With Me

FWS 2242

MESSAGE

Wandering Heart: Praise the mount

Rev. Richelle Goff

— RESPONDING IN LOVE —

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

Kwake Yesu Nasimama
(Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand)

Traditional Kenyan
arr. Scheer

Early Choir

(10:30)

He Is the Rock
Chancel Choir

Barrett

*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

— RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE —

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

FWS 2257

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Holy God, Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.
Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.
Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.
Forgive us for losing sight of you.

Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—
trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days
when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.

Pull us closer toward you.

Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD & GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

— MOVING IN GOD’S WAY —

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus asked the disciples, “But what about you? Who do you say that I am?”

Church, what do you say?

**Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm,
the voice of truth spoken over us,
and love without walls.**

**Jesus is justice for the weary,
healing for the hurt,
and welcome for the stranger.**

**Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend—
with me on the mountain
and beside me in the valley.**

**Jesus is a star in the night,
and the love that knows my name.**

Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?”

Like Peter, we say,

“Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God.”

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

vs. 1-3

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Broughton

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the family of Pat Hemmenway (mother of Karen Schuh), who passed away.
- For Alice Moon who recently had knee replacement surgery.
- For Paul Robinson who has been ill for several weeks.
- For Brenda Deever who is suffering from spinal stenosis and is in quite a bit of pain.
- For Beth Merkle who recently had foot surgery.
- For Mouana, a single mother who has been battling reoccurring cancer and has no income and is living in unstable conditions with her three sons.
- For Stephanie, who needs prayers for strength, calm & healing.
- For Chris, who underwent 11.5 hours of surgery for pancreatic cancer.
- For Jeremy (the Warrens' son-in-law) who is undergoing testing for abdominal pain.
- Those suffering from mental illness and their families.
- 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,
Sandy Baldwin, Carol & Frank Mueller, Courtney & Joshua Pedersen,
Judy Darrer, Jeff Latsha, Chip Rieck, John Hall, Martha McNeill,
Marlene Beisler, Betty Brandt, Rhonda Rhoades Thrailkill

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)

Prayer requests from Sanctuary House

Jacquelyn-for my family to draw closer to God and each other.

Lewis family-to find stable & safe housing.

Sherell-to find strength & guidance on my journey.

Anthony-protection of the innocent children.

Ayana-a new house & peace of mind.

Alanah-my daughter & I to find housing.

Derek-housing for my wife & self.

Cheryl-to find housing.

Chrisann-for my family & friends as we are going through a rough time.

Donna-peace for my 3 kids & 4 grandkids.

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Today's flowers are from Jen Lang
in celebration of Sandy Baldwin's birthday!

SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

Kwake Yesu Nasimama (Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand)

Kwake Yesu nasimama ndiye mwamba ni salama.

[Through Jesus I shall stand, for He is the solid rock.]

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.

There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides.

My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood.

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.

It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins.

I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise.

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.

When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's holy throne,

My heart will not have any fear; in Christ's righteousness I am here.

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.

Kwake Yesu nasimama ndiye mwamba ni salama.

[Through Jesus I shall stand, for He is the solid rock.]

Oh, he's the solid rock of my life.

SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS (CONTINUED)

He Is The Rock

*He is the Rock, He is the Rock of Ages.
He is the Rock, the Chief and Cornerstone.
He is the Rock, He is the Sure Foundation.
I will put my trust in the strength of the Lord.
I will put my trust in the Lord.
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Justice Committee Urges You to Take Action

We have recently received requests for involvement and advocacy for the least, the last, and the lost among us. The NYS Poor People's campaign specifically is calling for action on Governor Hochul's proposed budget which will cut Medicaid benefits by 1.2 billion dollars. **You can help** by picking up, signing and mailing a letter to our legislators in the narthex. **Thank You!**

Eclipse News for FUMC!

You are all invited to join the Naomi Circle at 9:30am on March 14 in room 204 for a presentation by Tom Deever 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 at a cost of \$2.00 each.

"Food, Faith and Fellowship"

Fairport UWF are hosting the Genesee Valley District Communion Brunch on March 23rd. Registration is at 9:30am. The service will begin at 10am with brunch to follow. The cost to attend is \$10.00, reservations can be sent to Jane Tucker by March 16th at 2 Vanderberg Dr, Fairport. All women of the church are invited to attend.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 3	8am 9am 9am & 10:30am 4-6pm 6pm	Early Choir - 113, S 1st Sunday Fellowship, Sun. School & Adult Forum Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Boy Scout Leadership Mtg - P
Monday, March 4	1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH, Ruth Circle - P Men's Bible Study
Tuesday, March 5	10am 11am 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - P The Chosen Video / Discussion - 204 Joyful Noise Choir - 206 SPRC- 204, YMST
Wednesday, March 6	7pm	Chancel Choir - 113, S
Thursday, March 7	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
Friday, March 8	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
Saturday, March 9	12pm	Al Anon - FH
Sunday, March 10	9am 9am & 10:30am 5:30pm 6:30pm	Sunday School & Adult Forum Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Perinton Pastoral Association - S

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Tom Deever

Readers: 9am - Nate Romagnola 10:30am - Rick Hill

Feed the Spirit: Richelle, Nicole, Joy and Kevin