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2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 16, 2025

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## WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome to Fairport UMC! We at Fairport UMC want you to know that no matter: Where you've come from or where you are going; what you believe or what you may doubt; what you are feeling or just not feeling; what you have or don't have; and no matter the color of your skin, who you love or how you identify – all of who you are is welcomed into this community of faith by a God who loves you and knows you by name. Our vision is to nurture ALL people on their life journeys and to bring God's love to the world.

### 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 welcome)! We also have a nursery that is open to little ones. You are invited to drop your child off or stay with them. Worship is livestreamed in the nursery so no one misses a thing! On communion Sundays we encourage you to retrieve your child and participate in communion together!  
Note: Sunday School (children/youth/adult) during the school year is at 9am.

### OPEN TABLE

Communion is celebrated once a month (usually on the first Sunday of the month) and everyone (including children) is welcome at the table. We use gluten/dairy free bread and grape juice.

## 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 →

The chimes call us to gather as a community  
to prepare our hearts to worship God.

*God meets us in between — at the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness,  
at the start of something new, on the edge of faith.*

*And if God meets us in all those places, then surely God meets us everywhere —  
at the water's edge, at the start of something new, after the baptism, and before the call.*

*We are not alone. God is all around. Let us worship the God of everything.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Ave Verum* Mozart

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are.

**If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,  
if you know every scripture or none at all,  
if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,  
or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,  
come as you are.**

This is God's house.

**None are turned away.**

All are welcome here.

\*HYMN *Come and Find the Quiet Center* FWS 2128

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (10:30) *Beverly House, Marcia Joy* UMH 38

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

. . . Let us pray

**God of Grace, we long to do the "right" thing. We long to make the "right"  
choice. We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line.**

**In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our  
earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold  
our heart's desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and  
love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to  
be close to you. Show us the way. Amen.**

— LISTENING —

*We listen* for the word of God  
through song, Scripture, and preaching.

\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

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!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN

*Ministry and Presence*

see bulletin insert

MESSAGE

Everything in Between: Faith & Works

Rev. Richelle Goff

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

— RESPONDING —

*We respond* to hearing God's word through  
the offering, prayer, & monthly communion.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Johnson

Early Choir

(10:30)

*Jesus My Breath, My Life, My Lord*

Carter

Chancel Choir

\*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<sup>\*</sup>, 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.*

— SENDING —

*We are sent out into the world  
to love God and our neighbors.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a Christ who  
teaches, sees, affirms, and celebrates all of who we are.  
We believe in a Christ who  
invites us to use our gifts for good  
and celebrates every step we take in that direction.  
We believe in a Christ who  
understands our anxieties  
and is gentle with our concerns.  
And we believe in a Christ who  
looks at us with undiluted love.  
The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners,  
but we know love has no limit.  
So with God's help,  
may we nurture our faith  
and do good work. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

UMH 664

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Callahan

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

## FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Betsy O'Connor in loving memory of her parents and grandparents.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the family and friends of Hawa Mhiji (Somalia Refugee Friends), who passed away last week. Also for Mberwa, 21 years old who has spent 3.5 months in the hospital, recovering from 16 gunshot wounds (Kate Thon).
- For Eric, (Judy Bermudez's cousin's partner) who has been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and is undergoing aggressive chemotherapy. Also for Beth (Judy's cousin) who is supporting Eric during this difficult time.
- For Michelle, who is having heart surgery on Monday (Kevin Gordon's sister).
- For the family and friends of Bob LaShier, who passed away on March 6. (Mary Martin's nephew)
- For everyone affected by the layoffs and the downsizing of our government.
- For everyone affected by natural disasters.
- For our country, and for peace in our world.
- For the Middle East, Ukraine and other countries in the midst of war.

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

**FUMC Members:** Ed Lewek, Carol & Frank Mueller, Bob Grow, Courtney Pedersen, Carol Christensen, Joanne Bater, David Putnam

**Family / Friends:** Becky Gualtieri, Maven Taggart, Susan Grau, Shirley Robinson, Jeff Latsha, Heather Malvarosa, Jen Simpson, Judy Boyer, David Klein, Lexi, Barb, Carol Hunting

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

Ruth Howard, Jane Leonard, Gary Nelson, Carol Snow, Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh, Wally Robinson (CT), Dave and Carolyn Hebert (KY)

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## SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

### **Create in Me a Clean Heart**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me, O God.*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
And uphold me with Thy Spirit, O Lord.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me, O God.*

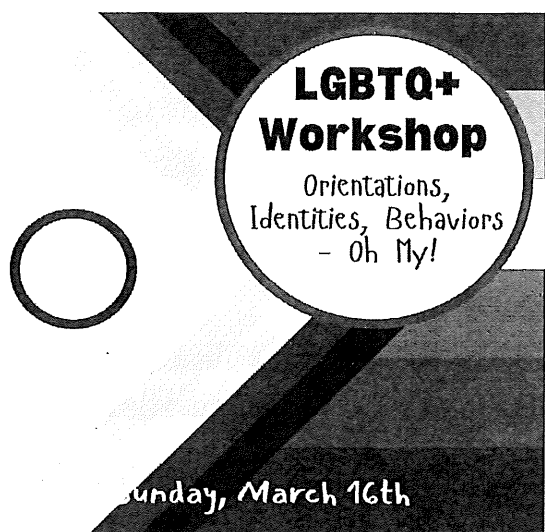
### **Jesus My Breath, My Life, My Lord**

*Jesus my breath, my life, my Lord, take of my soul the inmost part;  
Let vision, mind, and will be stored with Christ, the Master of my heart,  
My breath, my life, my Lord.*

*Jesus my Lord, my breath, my life, my living bread for every day,  
In calm and comfort, storm and strife, Christ be my truth, as Christ my way.  
My Lord, my breath, my life.*

*Jesus my life, my Lord, my breath, the pulse and beat of all my years,  
Constant alike in life and death, and when eternal day appears,  
My life, my Lord, my breath. Jesus my life, my Lord.*

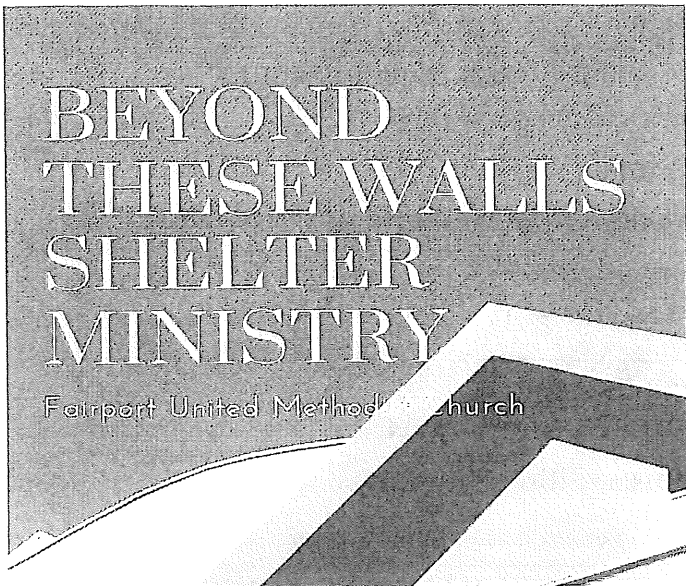
## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**TODAY** - Jeannie Gainsburg, MSS,  
author of The Savvy Ally and Founder of Savvy  
Ally Action (<https://www.savvyallyaction.com>)  
will at Fairport UMC to speak with us.

Jeannie is the same speaker who did a workshop  
this past June.

Let's come together and learn what we can do to be  
better allies for our LGBTQ+ friends, family and  
community.



Beyond These Walls has a shelter visit to the Francis Center March 23rd.

*We are looking for volunteers to help serve.* Sign-up sheets to help serve, or to help with food donations, are posted in the main hall across from the church office.

For more information please contact Judy Bermudez ([judybermudez@hotmail.com](mailto:judybermudez@hotmail.com)) or Sue Striegel ([sgolembe@gmail.com](mailto:sgolembe@gmail.com)).

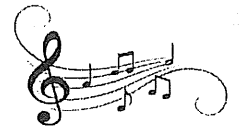
*Thank you!*



To the United Methodist Men who helped cook and serve a delicious Pancake Dinner for Shrove Tuesday!

And all who attended!

## Join a Choir for Lent and Easter!



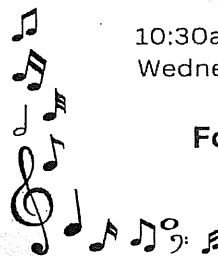
### Early Choir

9:00am service twice a month;  
Sunday morning rehearsals

### Chancel Choir

10:30am service every Sunday;  
Wednesday evening rehearsals

For more info, contact Nicole ([nicole@fairportumc.org](mailto:nicole@fairportumc.org))



*Let's support the Rochester's ESWA (Eastern Service Workers Association) whose purpose is to permanently end the poverty and exploitative treatment of service workers, the underemployed & unemployed & others living on low incomes. They are in need of food to give to those in need. There is a collection box in the coat room next to the Perinton Food Shelf collection area for the next few weeks. *Let's stock both!**



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, March 16</b>	8am 9am 10:30am 11:30am 4pm	Early Choir Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Confirmation SJC & Youth Group ~ LGBTQ+ Workshop - FH
<b>Monday, March 17</b>	1pm 6pm	Godmothers - 204 Scouts COA - S & P
<b>Tuesday, March 18</b>	10am Noon 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting – P Lenten & Book Study - 204 Joyful Noise – 206   Outreach Trustees
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b>	5:45pm 7pm	Amplify the Light Small Group – 204 / Zoom Chancel Choir – 113
<b>Thursday, March 20</b>	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
<b>Friday, March 21</b>	9am 10:30am	Dinner Ministry - K Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
<b>Saturday, March 22</b>	9:15am Noon	Jr. & Sr. High Youth (offsite) Al Anon – FH
<b>Sunday, March 23</b>	9am 10am 10:30am 12:30pm 5pm	Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Joyful Noise - 206 Worship Sunday Dinner - K Beyond These Walls Shelter Visit - Francis Center

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

**Ministers** - All God's People

**Pastor** - Rev. Richelle Goff

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**Custodian** - Jamie Gualtieri

### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator:** Ken Fischer

**Readers:** 9am - Mark Kurz    10:30am - Steve Taylor

**Feed the Spirit:** Naomi Circle



# Ministry and Presence

EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7 ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God")

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by Martin Luther, 1529



When Je - sus passed near Mar - tha's home she had no  
Her sis - ter Ma - ry took a seat to spend time  
He said, "You are both gifts to me with diff - erent



hes - i - ta - tion "Please treat my house like it's your own,"  
with the tea - cher In - tent - ly listen - ing at his feet,  
ways of be - ing. I won't take that from Ma - ry



she gave the in - vi - ta - tion She wan - ted all the best  
his words drew her in dee - per But Mar - tha took of - fense  
whose place is right here with me. You have no - thing to prove



To serve her hon - ored guest Her check - list grew and grew  
At Ma - ry so con - tent With all there was to do  
So let your heart be moved. Just one thing do I need:



Her time was all con - sumed With min - i - stry a - bound - ing  
She need - ed Ma - ry too And asked for Je - sus' back - ing  
To feel your love in deeds Of min - i - stry and pre - sence."

