

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 23, 2025

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 you 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fugue in C Major

Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship is a place to rest.

We breathe deeply here.

We still our aching bones.

We sit in the quiet.

We surround ourselves with music.

Worship is a place to rest.

Worship is a place to grow.

We listen for God's word.

We invite it to challenge us.

We lean in with curiosity.

We ask questions.

Worship is a place to grow.

So come into this space. Come rest and grow here.

For where two or more are gathered, God is always there.

Let us worship our gracious God.

*HYMN

When We Are Living

UMH 356

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

There are days when we fail to rest.

We stretch ourselves too thin. We say "yes" to every invitation.

We run a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest.

There are also days when we fail to act.

We wait for someone else. We take the easy road.

We find excuses and justify our inaction.

God, forgive our imbalance.

Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly.

Show us how to do the same. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, I have good news! Our God does not keep score. Our God does not hold grudges. Our God does not assume the worst about us. No, our God offers grace, and endless second chances, and boundless love. So join me in proclaiming the good news of the gospel:

God's grace is deeper than the ocean. God's love is wider than the sky.

We are seen. We are claimed. We are forgiven. May this realization change and inspire us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

— LISTENING —

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

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:6-9

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)

Amazing Day
Joyful Noise Choir

Thompson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom

UMH 508

MESSAGE

Everything in Between: Rest & Growth

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)

Hymn of Promise

arr. Carter

(10:30)

Lord of All Time
Chancel Choir

Choplin

***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

SUNG RESPONSE

God Is So Good

FWS 2056

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.

— SENDING —

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in a God who loves and tends to us like a gardener.
We believe that like the trees,
some seasons are for growth,
and some seasons are for rest.
Some days require pruning,
and some require planting.
Fortunately, we believe that our green-thumbed God
sees us and cultivates the sweetest fruit.
And do good work.
So may we plant roots,
reach for the sky,
grow where we can,
and rest when we need,
for we believe there is holiness in the pruning and
in the planting. And we do not grow alone.
Thanks be to God, Amen.**

*HYMN

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

Bach

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Holly Warren are in honor of Jeremy's birthday (son-in-law)
and in memory of Elliot Warren's birthday.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Michelle, who is home recovering from heart surgery (Kevin Gordon's sister).
- For everyone affected by layoffs.
- 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, 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, Eric Widness, Angela

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

Amazing Day

*Thank you, God, for this amazing day.
Thank you, God, for work and play,
For friends and family and animals, too,
On this amazing day!
Look around us here,
See God's Holy Spirit everywhere.
There's happiness, gentleness, love, peace, joy
Overflowing for all to see.*

Lord of All Time

*To everything, there is a time.
Through all the seasons and years and all the stages of life.
Through it all you are there, forever loving and kind.
Thank you, Lord. You are Lord of all time.
A time to hold on, a time to let go,
A time to dance and sing, a time when tears will flow.
There is a time to stay, a time to say, "good bye."
Thank you, Lord. You are Lord of all time.
There are days when we live to grow and thrive.
Then there are days we do well just to survive.
And though we fall down, we'll live someday to rise.
Through it all you are Lord, you are Lord of all, forever.
One life begins, another is done,
Just as the rising and setting and rising of the sun.
For all the life and love and every blessing we find,
We thank you, Lord. You are Lord of all time.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Handouts from the LGBTQ+ workshop held on March 16th are available in the narthex.
- We are in need of ushers for both 9 and 10:30 services. Being an usher would happen 2-4 times per year. Contract ljr4957@gmail.com. *Thank you, Loren Romagnola*

Save the dates

Refugee Resettlement Program



Learn More...

Monday, March 24, 7pm

Our church is beginning an effort to help with refugees who have settled in the Rochester area.

Mandy Cannon from Catholic Charities will explain the program and provide details on how we can get involved. This meeting is being convened by United Women in Faith, and all are welcome to attend.

UWF Book Club - March 31st (moved from March 24th)

We will be reading "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout for the month of March. The club will meet on *Monday, March 31 at 4pm* in the parlor at church. *All are welcome!*

WELCOME!

MARCIA JOY



BEVERLY HOUSE

New Members

Join a Choir for Lent and Easter!



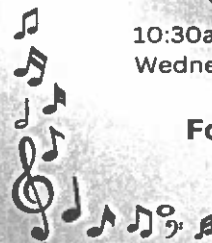
Early Choir

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)



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 23	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
Monday, March 24	1pm 7pm	Godmothers - 204 Scouts - FH, UWF Refugee Info Mtg - P
Tuesday, March 25	10am Noon 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting – P Lenten & Book Study - 204 Joyful Noise – 206 Church Council
Wednesday, March 26	11:30am 5:45pm 7pm	Joy Club (Games) - P Amplify the Light Small Group – 204 / Zoom Chancel Choir – 113
Thursday, March 27	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
Friday, March 28	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, March 29	Noon 2pm	Al Anon – FH Funeral for Beverly Bixby - S, P, FH
Sunday, March 30	9am 10:30am 4pm	Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Barry Bermudez

Joyful Noise Choir - Stacy Young, accompanist; Lori Lorraine and Lorraine Rieck, assistants

Readers: 9am - Betsy O'Connor 10:30am - Anne Wilson

Feed the Spirit: Kremers Family