



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 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 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly

Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is a shepherding God.

Our God knows us by name.

Our God will never stop searching for us.

So if you feel lost,

then know that God is seeking you.

If you feel found,

then know that God will never leave.

This is the promise of scripture.

This is the promise of God's love.

Let us worship our with-us God.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

CALL OF CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If God is a painter,

let us be the brush.

If God is a musician,

let us be the song.

If God is an architect,

let us be the tools.

Let us be the hands.

Let us be the builders.

But if God is a shepherd,

who never stops seeking,

let us be willing to be found,

no matter how lost we feel.

Our God is never far away.

Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found.

We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves.

We leave the flock and lose our way.

But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

No matter how far we wander,

we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace.

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

— LISTENING —

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

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 15: 1-7

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

Gentle Shepherd

W&S 3096

Sung twice

MESSAGE

Everything in Between: Lost & Found

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)

Sinfonia from Cantata No. 156

Bach

(10:30)

Amazing Grace

arr. Coates

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^{*}, 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 seeking God,
a with-us and before-us God,
a chasing-after-us God.
We believe that no matter where we wander
or what mountains we climb, *this* God—
the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem,
shook hands with lepers,
patted children on the head,
and told stories of love—
is always close at hand.
So on the good days and the hard days,
on the mountains and in the valleys,
we believe that we are always being found.
Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

***HYMN**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

UMH 348

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Behnke

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Beverly House, in memory of Earl, and her mom and dad.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Judy, who had a heart ablation on March 27th (Fran Mealey's sister).
- For Ruth Howard, who has entered hospice care.
- For refugees and refuge resettlement programs dramatically and tragically affected by the recent freeze in government funding.
- 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,
Carol Hunting, Eric Widness, Angela, Michelle

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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Liturgy and Prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Women in Faith 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!



We are looking for those willing to serve in various ways on Sunday morning!

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)



Easter Flowers



This year we will have a variety of Easter / Spring plants that will decorate the altar area on Easter Sunday. We are asking the congregation to purchase the flowers, and then you may take the plant home after Easter Sunday services. ***Plants are \$11 each.***

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex

The preferred method of payment is by check made out to FUMC
and put Easter Flowers in the Memo Line.

Deadline for orders is Tuesday, April 15th

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 30	9am 10:30am 4pm	Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
Monday, March 31	1pm 7pm	Godmothers - 204 Scouts – FH, UWF Book Club - P
Tuesday, April 1	10am Noon 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting Lenten Bible Book Study - 204 Joyful Noise – 206 SPRC – 204, YMST (Zoom)
Wednesday, April 2	5:45pm 7pm	Amplify the Light Small Group – 204 / Zoom Chancel Choir – 113
Thursday, April 3	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
Friday, April 4	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, April 5	Noon	AI Anon – FH
Sunday, April 6	8am 9am 10:30am 4pm 6pm	Early Choir - 113 Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Parent Chat Scout Leadership Meeting – P

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Erin Pfund

Readers: 9am - Lori Lorraine 10:30am - Alice Moon

Feed the Spirit: Nancy Romagnola