



**FAIRPORT**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**APRIL 6, 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 usually celebrated 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

*All Who Hunger*

Wood

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship because we long for mercy.

**We long for community.**

**We long for God.**

We come to worship because we need a good word.

**We need connection.**

**We need moral reminders.**

We come to worship because we are in between:

**hope and grief,**

**faith and doubt,**

**joy and longing,**

**curiosity and conviction.**

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

**Surely, we are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle!**

**Amen.**

\*HYMN

*All Who Hunger*

FWS 2126

— LISTENING —

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, When we fail to be righteous, show us mercy.**

**When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right.**

**Again and again, bring us closer to you.**

**Again and again, show us the way. Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

When we fail to be righteous,

**God is merciful.**

When we fail to be merciful,

**God invites us to try again.**

Again and again,

**God moves closer to us.**

Again and again,

**God shows us the way.**

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### \*HYMN

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

UMH 351

### \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 19: 1-10

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!**

### MESSAGE

Everything in Between: Righteousness & Mercy

Rev. John McNeill

### MOMENT OF REFLECTION

## — RESPONDING —

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

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

### OFFERTORY

*Kwake Yesu Nasimama*

Traditional Kenyan

*(Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand)*

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(9:00) Early Choir

(10:30) 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

FWS 2257

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...**

*FWS 2257 parts (b) – (d) are sung responsively.  
“Hosanna in the highest!” is sung in unison each time.*

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.*

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

— SENDING —

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers,**

**Jesus loved by different rules.**

**He offered mercy.**

**He invited people to dinner.**

**He told stories of love.**

**He chose to see the best in others.**

**We believe that small acts of mercy  
and compassion have ripple effects in our lives.**

**We believe that small acts of righteousness  
and justice are integral to a life of faith.**

**So like Christ, we believe in offering mercy,**

**inviting people to dinner,**

**telling stories of love,**

**and choosing to see the best in others.**

**With God's help, may it be so. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

UMH 121

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in E Minor*

Bach

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

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Rev. Donald Turk who is in hospice care (Sue Striegel).
- For Jennine, who had gallbladder surgery on April 3rd (Fran Mealey's niece).
- For the family & friends of Charlie, who passed away on March 29 (Fran Mealey).
- For Jane, starting chemo this week for breast cancer (Fran's cousin).
- For Roger Ward for unsettling health concerns (Holly Warren's brother).
- For refugees and refugee resettlement programs dramatically and tragically affected by the recent freeze in government funding.
- For everyone affected by layoffs.
- For everyone affected by natural disasters, especially the situation in Myanmar.
- 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, Ruth Howard (Hospice)

**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, Judy

*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)

## SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

**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.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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**

## Holy Week Schedule

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	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 10:30 AM (LIVESTREAMED)
	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7 PM (LIVESTREAMED) COMMUNION SERVICE
	<b>Good Friday</b> 7 PM (LIVESTREAMED) Tenebrae Service
	<b>Easter Sunday</b> CHRIST IS RISEN!! WORSHIP SERVICES 9:00 AM 10:30 AM (LIVESTREAMED)

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, April 6</b>	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
<b>Monday, April 7</b>	1pm 7pm	Godmothers - 204 Scouts – FH, Ruth Circle - P
<b>Tuesday, April 8</b>	10am Noon 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting Lenten Bible Book Study - 204 Joyful Noise – 206 UWIF Leaders – P, Finance - 204
<b>Wednesday, April 9</b>	11:30am 5:45pm 7pm	Joy Group - offsite Amplify the Light Small Group – 204 / Zoom Chancel Choir – 113
<b>Thursday, April 10</b>	9:30am 4pm 5:15pm 7pm	Naomi Circle - P Social Justice - Zoom Bell Choir – S CMT - Zoom
<b>Friday, April 11</b>	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
<b>Saturday, April 12</b>	Noon	Al Anon – FH
<b>Palm Sunday, April 13</b>	8am 9am 10:30am 12:30pm	Bell Choir - S Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

#### Ministers - All God's People

**Pastor** - Rev. Richelle Goff

**Music Ministry Director** - Nicole Camilleri

**Family Ministries Director** - Joy Leinenbach

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### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator:** Julie Woodruff

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