



ASCENSION SUNDAY

JUNE 1, 2025

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome to Fairport UMC! 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 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

Morning Has Broken

arr. Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, lift your eyes to the heavens— not in longing for escape,
but in wonder at what love has done.

**Christ has risen and ascended, not to abandon us,
but to call us forward with courage.**

We gather, not to cling to the past, but to be empowered for the future.

We are witnesses to grace, proclaimers of peace, bearers of light.

**God of lifting and sending, You did not take Jesus from us to leave us empty —
You raised him to remind us that the work of love lives on in us.**

**May our worship open our hearts to the Spirit that is coming, and awaken
in us the courage to live resurrection in a wounded world. Amen.**

*HYMN

At the Font We Start Our Journey

FWS 2114

— LISTENING —

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING

Psalm 47

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

Day of Arising

W&S 3086

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

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

What Are We Supposed to Do with the Ascension?

Rev. Richelle Goff

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

— RESPONDING —

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

God, You Made All Things for Singing
Early Choir

Ferguson

(10:30)

In Your Presence
Chancel Choir

Medema

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UMH 12

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*, 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 & CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

— SENDING —

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

*HYMN

Go to the World

W&S 3158

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Marcello

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Steve & Erin Triola, in memory of Steve's mom, Thresa Donnell.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our church in the midst of a pastoral transition.
- For immigrants, refugees and resettlement programs.
- 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, Andy Jamison, Marty Schuh

Family / Friends: Becky Gualtieri, Maven Taggart, Susan Grau, Shirley Robinson,
Jeff Latsha, Heather Malvarosa, Jen Simpson, Judy Boyer, David Klein,
Lexi, Angela, Roger Ward, Jim, Renee DeChalais', Rhonda, Dick Kazmar, Carol

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

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

SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

God, You Made All Things for Singing

God, you made all things for singing, even canyons carved from stone.

Thunder sets the hard rock ringing with the hymn the skies intone.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Yours the praise and yours alone.

As the clap and roll of thunder give the rocks their note to start,

Spirit, free the songs of wonder waiting in the thankful heart.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Help each voice to sing its part.

Join with us in all our singing. Make our music, Lord, your own.

Be the bass note deeply ringing. Be the highest overtone.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Yours the praise and yours alone.

In Your Presence

REFRAIN

In Your presence we are gathered as the people called by Your Name.

We are longing for Your spirit now to come and set our hearts aflame.

We are longing to taste the fruits of the Spirit.

We are longing for vision that sees beyond the walls.

We are longing for the fragrance of sweet communion among us.

We are longing to hear again the everlasting call. REFRAIN

We long to touch the heart that made the mountains.

We long to touch the strength that made the sea,

To know the joy that made the human family,

To feel the power that sets the captive free. REFRAIN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important On-Boarding Dinner Information!

I have listed below answers to commonly asked questions about the On-boarding Dinner Program on June 9th from 5:30 – 8:30 in Fellowship Hall. If you have any additional questions just let me know. We will need a final count of attendees by May 31st.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the church hallway or you can simply email me at barry.bermudez@gmail.com.

1) Will Pastor Sam Smith be in attendance?

Yes, he will greet, bless the food then leave the main dinner so that he will be able to prepare responses to questions provided by the dinner attendees. He will then return to the main room after dessert to respond to the questions. There may be some time afterward for more informal conversation with Pastor Sam.

2) So this is not an informal dinner?

Correct, this is a structured program with designated times for eating and discussion.

3) What role do dinner attendees have?

Dinner attendees will be seated in groups around tables and will be expected to provide questions that will be directed toward Pastor Sam. The facilitator will help moderate this process, gather the questions and present them to Pastor Sam. The facilitator may then suggest an order of responses.

4) Does this mean I have to stay the entire 3 hours?

It is preferable that dinner attendees stay for the entire session.

5) What is the purpose of the Onboarding Dinner?

The goal of the program is to help familiarize a new pastor with their new congregation. It has been reported that this process has helped move a new pastor's familiarization with a new church six months ahead of where they might have been without the program.

6) Is there a cost to the church?

Normally the church would be assessed a fee for the facilitator but the Conference is offering the facilitator to FUMC at no cost. FUMC will, however, be responsible for the dinner costs.

7) Is there a cost to the attendees?

There is no cost to attend the dinner program.

8) Will there be vegan and no gluten dinner options?

Yes! The final menu has yet to be finalized.

Meeting Regarding FUMC Pastor Transition - Today!

If you have any questions regarding events surrounding our Pastoral Transition, our worship schedule heading into Sam's first service on July 6th, our obligations as a congregation, or a Pastor's training and career pathway, you may wish to attend a Pastor Transition Meeting that has been scheduled by SPRC. This meeting will be held *today*, June 1st in Fellowship Hall shortly after the second service.

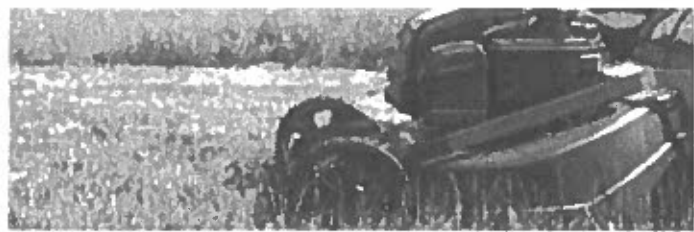
Rev. John McNeill will be available to provide further elaboration to your questions.

SAVE THE DATES

- **June 8** - Celebration Sunday/Confirmation/Summer 9:30am Worship begins
- **June 15** - Pastor Richelle's Last Sunday
- **July 6** - Pastor Sam's First Sunday
- **July 19** - Rochester Pride Parade
- **September 14** - Fall Worship schedule begins: services at 9:00 & 10:30am; Sunday School and Choirs begin
- **October 11** - Richelle's Installation Service; 1pm at Bath Centenary UMC



To Karen Hartnett for serving
as our Lay Member
to Annual Conference!



***Church lawn mowing Can you help?**

The lawn mower (self-propelled) and the gas are provided, but we need people who can spend a couple of hours of walking with the mower.

**There is a sign-up sheet across the
hallway from the church office.**

Thank you!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 1	8am 9am 10:30am 11:30am 4 5 pm 6pm	Early Choir - S Worship, Sunday School Worship Confirmation Rehearsal Morning Glory - 113, S and Pastor Transition Mtg. - FH Bike Trip Mtg Bike trip to Abbots Scout Leader Mtg - P
Monday, June 2	1pm 7pm	Godmothers - 204 Ruth Circle – P, Scouts - FH
Tuesday, June 3	10am Noon 7pm	Staff Meeting Tuesday Small Group - 204 SPRC – 204/Zoom, YMST - Zoom
Wednesday, June 4	5:45pm 7:30pm	Amplify the Light Small Group – 204 / Zoom Chancel Choir - 113, S
Thursday, June 5	7pm	CMT - Zoom
Friday, June 6	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, June 7	Noon	Al Anon – FH Canal Days – Parking Fundraiser
Sunday, June 8 <i>Celebration Sunday!</i> <i>Confirmation</i>	8am 9:30am After church	Early Choir - S Summer Worship Begins (ONE SERVICE) Canal Days Parking Fundraiser

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

Ministers - All God's People

Pastor - Rev. Richelle Goff

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Erin Pfund

Readers: 9am - Nate Romagnola 10:30am - Alice Moon

Feed the Spirit: Nancy Beaman