



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 2026

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome to Fairport UMC! We embrace the gift of diversity of our community and our world and proclaim that all persons are created in God's image. We celebrate all ways that the human family of Christ finds its diversity. Our vision is to nurture ALL people on their life journeys and to bring God's love to the world. *Disposable masks are available in the coatroom and narthex for those who would like one.*

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. We are not currently offering a staffed nursery, but the nursery room is available and open to parents and little ones. The service is also livestreamed in the nursery so you and your child can still participate in worship!

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 all, including children, are welcome at the table. We use gluten/dairy free bread. If you would prefer not to receive communion but would like a blessing, please indicate that to the pastor.

WORSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

*indicates to stand as you are able

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.

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

PRELUDE

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee (first setting)

Brahms

Rob Ferris, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the darkest valley, **at the banquet table;**
in the hard work of life, **at the moments of ease;**
in our day-to-day reality, **at times set aside—**
like this time, now – **for worship, for listening, for paying attention;**
with every step we take: **goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.**

*HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH 581

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want.
We lie down when we could act,
We stir the pot when we could offer peace,
We wander tempting paths instead of following you.
We seek courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,
We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.
We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,
So that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Beloved, God's mercy goes before us and follows close behind, surrounding us in grace so that we might reflect the light of new life wherever we go. We are forgiven and set free. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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)

Rain Down
Chancel Choir

arr. Carter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY *How Blest are They Who Live in Faith Unswerving*

Brahms

*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

Radiant Shepherd, you walk beside us through valleys and over mountaintops, guiding us with grace and guarding us with love. In your presence, we lack nothing that truly matters. Receive these gifts, O God, as signs of our desire to walk in your ways, to live as your people, and to shine with the goodness, justice, and truth that reflect your image. Let our giving be more than ritual; let it be an act of trust, a response to your faithfulness, and a testimony of your light at work in us. In Christ's holy name, we pray, Amen.

*HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

FWS 2214

All sing refrain (in *The Faith We Sing*);

Soloist/choir will sing verses (not in *The Faith We Sing*) between the refrains.

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.

*GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-41

**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

All I Know

Pastor Sam Smith

*HYMN

We Walk by Faith

FWS 2196

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee (second setting)

Brahms

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

We welcome Rob Ferris and thank him for substituting for Nicole!

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Karen & Jerry Felgenhour

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Elizabeth, who was hospitalized for mini strokes (Holly Warren).
- For our country, and for peace in our world.

We pray for those who are in need of continued healing

FUMC Members: Ed Lewek, Bob Grow, Courtney Pedersen, Andy Jamison, Betty Brandt, the Osmers family, JoAnn-Price Woodin, Roger Woodin, Monica Manske

Family / Friends: Becky Gualtieri, Susan Grau, Shirley Robinson, Heather Malvarosa, David Klein, Sandy, Chere Petrivelli, Annette Galloway, Barb, Hannah, Audrey

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

Gary Nelson, Carol Snow, Cindy Stanton,
Marge Vanderburgh, Wally Robinson (CT), Carolyn Hebert (KY)

PERMISSIONS & CREDITS

Call to Worship from Joanna Harader (Spacious Faith), Prayer of Confession from Beth Neel Merrill (Hold Fast to What Is Good), Prayer of Dedication adapted from UMC Discipleship Ministries

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Hymns: The United Methodist Publishing House; Oxford University Press; Doris Akers

SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

Rain Down

*Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life.
Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.*

*Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life.
We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.*

*Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life.
God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts; all of our hope lies in you.
Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*...to Rick Hessney for serving as the
church treasurer for the past two years,
and to Jen Lang who has volunteered to take
on this important role.*

HOLY WEEK

MARCH 29 - APRIL 5

**MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY
9:00 & 10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**APRIL 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY
6 PM POTLUCK DINNER WORSHIP**

**APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY
7 PM WORSHIP**

**APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY
9:00 & 10:30 AM WORSHIP**

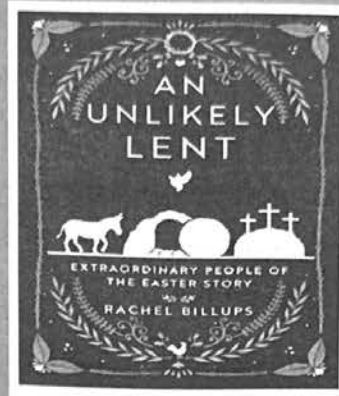
Adult Forum

Sundays at 9am



Fairport United Methodist Church
Room 204 and Zoom

TUESDAY SMALL GROUP



TUESDAYS IN LENT

STARTING FEB 24TH

12 NOON - 1PM

ROOM 204 & ZOOM

Lenten Lunch Group



Thursdays at
12 noon in the
Parlor

Lectionary based
discussions

Bring your own lunch

Begins Thursday, February 19th

FAMILY MINISTRIES

MOVIE NIGHT



FAIRPORT UMC

FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2026

6:30PM DOORS OPEN

7PM MOVIE STARTS



March is when many schools have spring musical performances and concerts. It is a very busy time for students who are involved in those productions. This is also the time of year for All County music festivals.

Best wishes to all of our young musicians during "March Musical Madness"!

Sing in
Early or Chancel
Choir for
Easter!

Contact Nicole if you'd like to sing! (nicole@fairportumc.org)



**You are invited to the Riecks'
Annual Easter Egg Hunt! 50th year!
Saturday, April 4 at 2:30pm**

Hunt starts at 3pm.

**Bring your parents.
Dress for the weather. Regrets only.**

1485 Walworth Penfield Rd.

Walworth, NY 14568

lriec1@rochester.rr.com

585-721-6370

As always, we are asking the congregation to purchase the flowers, then you are free to take the plant home after Easter Sunday services. If you would like to donate flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter you will find order forms in the narthex or you can order online using the link found in E-News.

We will again be ordering an array of spring blooms. You may donate in honor of someone or in memory of someone if you wish. The cost will be \$11 per plant and the **deadline for ordering is March 29th.** *Please make checks out to: Fairport UMC* and put Easter flowers on the memo line. *Thank you!*

**If you have any questions, you may contact Fran Mealey 585-748-0303
or Marlene Farrington 585-267-6100**

Beyond These Walls Food Donation

Sunday, March 22nd, volunteers will be going to Francis Center to serve a meal.

To supplement our main entrée please consider donating additional food items needed for this month's meal.

Donations labeled BTW will need to be in the church kitchen by the evening of Thursday, March 19th. *Thank you!*

**Personal Care Items for
Sanctuary House**



ITEMS REQUESTED:

deodorant, body wash (travel size), shampoo (travel size), toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, sanitary pads, women's underwear in all sizes, bras in all sizes.

There is a donation box in the coatroom.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 15	9am 10:30am 4pm	Worship, Adult Forum (204), Sunday School Worship Confirmation Class Sr. High Youth Group
Monday, March 16	1pm 7pm	Godmothers – 204 Scouts - FH
Tuesday, March 17	10am Noon 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting – P Tuesday Small Group – 204 Joyful Noise – 206 Outreach – Zoom Trustees
Wednesday, March 18	7pm	Chancel Choir – 113, S
Thursday, March 19	Noon 6:30pm	Lenten Lunch Group – P Bell Choir – S
Friday, March 20	9am 10:30am	Cooking Ministry – K only Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, March 21	Noon	Al Anon – FH
Sunday, March 22	8am 9am 10am 10:30am 12:30pm 4pm 5pm	Bell Choir - S Worship, Adult Forum (204), Sunday School Joyful Noise - 206 Worship Sunday Dinner – K only Jr. & Sr. High Youth Beyond These Walls Shelter Visit – Francis House

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

Ministers - All God's People

Pastor - Sam Smith

Music Ministry Director - Nicole Camilleri

Family Ministries Director - Joy Leinenbach

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Tom Deever

Readers: 9am - Martha McNeill 10:30am - Erin Pfund

Thank you to this week's **Feed the Spirit** volunteers.