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PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 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

Larghetto

Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Holy One, who is good; **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Let the church say, **"God's steadfast love endures forever."**

Let us all proclaim, **"God's steadfast love endures forever."**

In our distress we can call on our Creator who will answered us and set us in a broad place - **A place of prayer and singing, a place of listening and love.**

God has brought us now to this broad place of worship. **This is the day that our God has made;**

This is the space where our God has set us, **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

O give thanks to the Holy One, who is good, **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the foolish cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,

You are not the savior we expect.

Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to demonstrate.

Your wisdom makes no sense to us.

We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches, **but not so sure we want to follow you into the temple courts into the upper room**

into the Garden of Gethsemane **to the foot of the cross.**

Forgive our false assumptions. **Clarify our clouded vision.**

Let us relax into the foolishness of your love, your grace.

Hosanna, hosanna. Save us, we beseech you!

WORDS OF GRACE

Save us, o God, and set us free from the death that you defy. Call to us now and we shall follow you to the places where you lead. **We are forgiven and set free, to follow where Christ walked before us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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)

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

Blessed Is He

Choplin

Early Choir

(10:30)

Palm Sunday Processional

Carter

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

Saving God, you ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation—calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don't always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim your kin-dom - where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

*HYMN

Filled with Excitement

UMH 279

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**

Matthew 21:1-11

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

Sunday's Palms

Pastor Sam Smith

***HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Shackley

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Holly & Gary Warren, in honor of son-in-law Jeremy's birthday,
and in memory of Elliot Warren's birthday.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the family & friends of Paul Alford, who passed away recently (Fran Mealey).
- For Dan Mousseau, who was hospitalized for a stroke (Fran Mealey).
- For Vicki Herrington, who fell and hurt her back (Kate Thon).
- 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, Joan, Betsy, Nan

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)

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Call to worship and prayer of confession from Joanna Harader (Spacious Faith), prayer of
dedication from UMC Discipleship Ministries

SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

Blessed Is He

*Look in the distance, what can you see?
I heard the Messiah is coming. Could it be?
We have been praying and waiting so long.
Now the crowds gather to see, I see it clear,
The waiting is over and now the Messiah is here. He is here!*

*Arise and shine, your light is coming. Look and see.
The glory of the Lord is rising, look and see the Lord.*

*Come, prepare the way before Him. Blessed is He.
Make the highway straight before Him. Blessed is the Lord.
Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Bring your joyful songs of praises. Come and sing.
Raise your voice and wave the branches. Come and sing to the Lord.
Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Come and praise the Lord. Hosanna, come and praise the Lord!*

Palm Sunday Processional

*Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!
Hosanna to the King!*

*All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One!*

*The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.*

Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!

*To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!*

Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



...to Arlene Herrington for her contributions to Learning Links.

EUCHRE



Friday, **April 10**, UMM will host the final **Euchre Tournament** of the spring season.

Doors open at **5:45pm**.

Pizza will arrive at **6pm**

Play will begin at **6:30pm**.

There is **no cost** to play and all are welcome. There will be music and beverages. Snacks are always welcome.

Everyone is guaranteed a partner. **All skill levels are welcome**. If you are a beginner or new to playing euchre, you will be paired up with someone who can teach you.

For more information contact:

joy@fairportumc.org **Thank you!**



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 on the table near the kitchenette** 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 today! 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

HOLY WEEK

MARCH 29 - APRIL 5

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2 6 PM

Potluck Dinner
Communion
Worship



Bring a dish to pass!



GOOD FRIDAY

April 3

Worship
7 PM



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.

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Easter Sunday Worship

April 5

9:00 & 10:30 AM

He is Risen!



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 29	8am 9am 10:30am 4pm	Early Choir – 113 Worship, Sunday School Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth – Spring Cleanup at Rieck's Farm
Monday, March 30	1pm 7pm	Godmothers – 204 Scouts FH
Tuesday, March 31	10am Noon	Staff Meeting – P Tuesday Small Group – 204
Wednesday, April 1	5:45pm 7pm	Amplify the Light Small Group – 204 Chancel Choir – 113, S
Thursday, April 2	6pm	Maundy Thursday Potluck Dinner Worship – FH
Friday, April 3	10:30am 7pm	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite) Good Friday Worship Service
Saturday, April 4	Noon 2:30pm	Al Anon – FH Easter Egg Hunt – Riecks' Farm
Sunday, April 5 Easter!	8:15am 9am 10:30am	Early Choir & Chancel Choir – S Worship Worship

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

Ministers - All God's People

Pastor - Sam Smith

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Erin Pfund

Readers: 9am - Nancy Romagnola 10:30am - Joshua Pedersen

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