

Fairmont United Methodist Church

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

9:00 AM

\* - You are invited to stand at these times.

(Hymn numbers over # 2000 are from "The Faith We Sing" supplement)

We Gather as God's People

Prelude and Candle Lighting

\* Greeting One Another in Christ (with a nod or a handshake)

\* Call to Worship Psalm 22

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

People: Let heaven and earth praise his God's holy name.

Leader: From our earliest steps, Christ guides our wayward feet.

People: Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.

Leader: From death to life, the spirit sets us free.

People: Let the faithful rejoice in God's holy covenant.

Leader: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

People: Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.

\* Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" # 297

Opening Prayer (in unison) Mark 8

Spirit of the ages, as you called to Abram and Sarai, renaming them according to your purposes, call to us this day.

Open our ears to the sound of your voice, that we may respond to your call and pick up our cross to follow you.

Name us anew this day, and raise us to newness of life, that we may be children of your promise, people of your covenant, and disciples of your grace. Amen

For All of God's Children "Where Children Belong" # 2233 (twice)

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading Mark 8: 31-38 Valerie Hooper

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Lord Teaches Us Like Our Father" T.J. Lewis

Hymn "Living For Jesus" # 2149

We Respond to God's Word with Thanksgiving

Our Time of Prayer

Birthdays, Announcements and Opportunities for Fellowship and Service

Our Offering

\*Doxology "My Tribute" # 99

\*Prayer of Dedication

Bless us this day, Eternal God, that we may be a blessing to a world in need. Bless our gifts and our offerings in your name that they may light the way home for those who have wandered far and lost their way. As these gifts go forth to do your work, may they help others hear call their name and bring them peace.

As we join together with the prayer Jesus taught us Our Father.....

\*The Lord's Prayer # 895

We Go Forth To Serve God and Our Neighbors

\* Dismissal with Blessing

Leader: Hear the voice of God calling your name.

People: We will follow where God leads us.

Leader: Hear the voice of Christ claiming you as his own.

People: We will live as brothers and sisters in faith.

Leader: Hear the voice of the Spirit sending you forth.

People: We will follow where the Spirit sends us.

Leader: Go forth, called, named and claimed by God.

\* Hymn "Lord of the Dance" # 261

\* Postlude

Mark 8: 31-38

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One [a] must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." <sup>32</sup> He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

<sup>34</sup> After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup> All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. <sup>36</sup> Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? <sup>37</sup> What will people give in exchange for their lives? <sup>38</sup> Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One [b] will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."



SECOND SUNDAY  
in Lent

Welcome to Worship

It is a joy to welcome you to worship today. Thank you for joining us as we worship and are blessed by our Lord. We are glad you are with us today!

**Our mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our vision:** Resounding God's Grace!

Please sign the **Ritual of Friendship** pads when they are handed out by the ushers. After everyone in the pew has had a chance to sign them, please return them to near the center aisle.

**Nursery Care** is staffed and available for children, 4 years of age and younger, every Sunday morning from 8:45-11:15 am. Adults are asked to accompany and sign in their child/children. The Nursery is located on the 1st floor of the educational wing.

**Children's Bulletins** can be found in the narthex, located in the manila envelopes attached to the outside of the plastic boxes. Following the service, please return crayons to the Ziploc bag, clip the bag to the clipboard and return to the box.

Thank you!

**Busy Bags** can be found on the Busy Bag Tree in the narthex.

**Bibles, large print hymnals, and hearing amplification devices** are available in the narthex. Hearing devices are available from the ushers.

**Texts** of Pastor Tony's sermons are available from the ushers for persons who wish to have one to follow during the sermon or to pass on to others.

Our church's **Unisex Handicapped Accessible Restroom** is located near the elevator off the Fellowship Hall in church basement.

**Gluten-free Communion wafers** are available for those with allergies. If you would prefer one, please ask your communion server for one. It is the tradition of the United Methodist Church to serve grape juice for Communion.

**Hospitality Coffee/Beverages:** are being served in the Narthex. Enjoy some refreshments and fellowship! Thanks to Lois Fransen and her team for serving. (Profits go to the youth program.)

OUR PRAYERS

**Of joy:** Happy Birthday to: Ellis Saxton (3/3), Susan Kahler (3/3)

**Of concern:** Randy Moler

**Our sympathy & prayers:** to the family of Shirley Doolittle who passed away on February 17, 2018.

**Our joys & concerns for the previous 4 weeks:** Rainy Patricca, Ethan Grunewald, Diane Mattson, Dawn Doolittle, Mackenzie Fink, Wesley Malo, the family of Leon Beckendorf; Stephen Newnum in Brazil, leadership of our country & other countries, leadership of our church.

**Pray for our Military:** Caleb Witham/National Guard in Bagram Afghanistan (Emily O'Connor's friend), Ethan Doolittle, Army/Basic training in Ft. Jackson, SC. (Dawn Doolittle's nephew); EM1(SW) Lance Broolsma/NSB Bangor, Bangor, WA, son of Denise & Dale Baruth, grandson of Bev Fenske.

## Calendar

### Sunday, February 25

8:30 am. Hospitality Coffee in Narthex  
9:00 am. Worship  
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth & Adult Bible Studies  
11:15 Mentor/Mentee Mtg.

### Monday, February 26

9:00 am. Exercise Group  
12:30 pm. Yoga

### Tuesday, February 27

9:00 am. Exercise Group  
1:00 pm. Quilters  
1:00 pm. NO Lakeview Bible Study  
3:30 pm. Circuit Rider Deadline  
5:15 pm. Yoga  
6:00 pm. Bldg. Vision Team Mtg.  
7:00 pm. Cub Scouts

### Wednesday, February 28

9:00 am. Staff Meeting  
9:00 am. Exercise Group  
12:30 pm. Yoga  
3:15 pm. CLICK  
5:00 pm. Lenten Supper-Chicken Alfredo  
Tortellini Soup, Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
5:45 pm. Agape Choir  
6:15 pm. Confirmation Check-in  
6:30 pm. Lenten Service  
7:15 pm. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 1

9:00 am. TOPS  
9:00 am. UMW  
12:00 AI-ANON –Women’s SS Room  
5:15 pm. Yoga  
6:00 pm. Refresh Group

### Friday, March 2

9:00 am. Exercise Group  
12:30 pm. Yoga  
Confirmation Gathering-Mpls.

### Saturday, March 3

Confirmation Gathering-Mpls.

### Sunday, March 4

Holy Communion  
8:30 am. Hospitality Beverages in the Narthex  
9:00 am. Worship  
10:10 am. Farewell to Jenny Lewis in Narthex  
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth & Adult Bible Studies  
5:00 pm. Abigail Circle  
7:00 pm. Discovering Your Gifts

## Today's Worship

### Ushers

Craig Van Egdome, Jack & Jeanne Doolittle,  
Reed Gethmann

### North Door Greeter

Dave Johnson

### Narthex Greeters

Orville & Irene Deling

### South Door Greeter

Lois Fransen

### Acolytes

McKayla Byers  
Rachel O'Connor

### Scripture Reader

Valerie Hooper

### Liturgist

Donna McMurtry

### Pianist

Barb Poppe

### Media Team

Maddy Schwieger, Sam Schwieger,  
Ethan Grunewald

### Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8:00 am. -12:00 noon; 1:00-3:00 pm

Or by appointment 235.5579

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### Worship Attendance on February 18, 2018

9:00 Worship: 121

Sunday School Leaders/Students: 35

## Events

### Keep Bringing in those Receipts!!

Hy-Vee total - \$44,141 Round 16  
Fareway total -\$142,932 Round 6  
(Only entire, intact receipts from the Fairmont stores please)



**Flowers** – the Shamrock on the Communion Table this morning is from the leprechauns Ellis & Arlene. Thank you!



**Minnesota Food Share** – March Campaign. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the church between February 28-April 1. On the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, these donations will be distributed to the local food shelves.

**Thank you** – We wish to thank Abigail Circle for the soup and sandwiches delivered to us last week. It was a thoughtful and nourishing greeting after a long week – Millie & Dick Adams

**Save The Date:** March 4, 10:10 am. There will be a farewell gathering to honor **Jenny Lewis** and the time she has been a part of our church. Join us for cake and beverages. Jenny will be pursuing other adventures with Hope United Methodist Church in Blue Earth that are more in line with her career and ministerial goals. We wish her all the best!

**Position Open: Emerging Ministry Coordinator** – we are seeking a one-quarter time person to join our staff. If you know of an outgoing and enthusiastic individual with a strong Christian faith, good organizational and leadership skills, please let the office know or have this person contact us. This position will require ten hours per week and will work with the existing Emerging Ministry Team to plan and coordinate emerging ministries including a mid-week worship and small groups. Deadline to apply is March 1.

**Festival of Music** – March 11 at 2:00 pm. This year the “Festival” will be at the First Congregational Church, 319 Downtown Plaza. Please plan to attend this wonderful musical event sponsored by CREST of Martin County

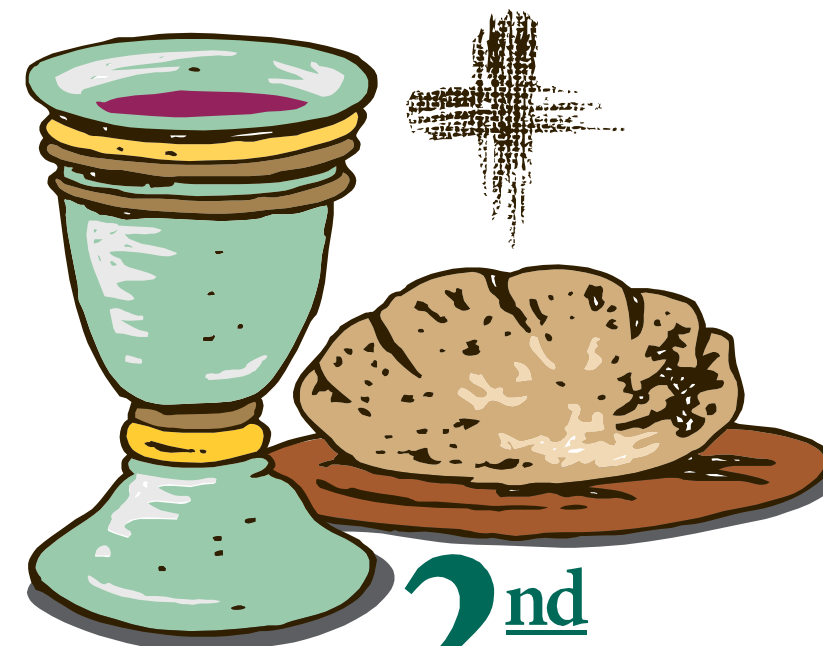
**Cake Pans** – we have an assortment of baking pans in the kitchen. If you have brought a cake in the past and are wondering whatever happened to your pan, check in the kitchen and see if your missing pan is there. Eventually the remaining pans will be donated to Good Will.

**Cinderella's Closet at Hope Prom Dress Giveaway** – helping girls afford the prom dress and prom experience of their dreams! Cinderella's Closet at Hope wants to help girls get a dress for one of the most memorable days of their lives. They have various sizes, colors and styles of new and gently used formal gowns. Attendees will be able to pick out a dress, a pair of shoes, jewelry and other accessories. The best part is that it is all for FREE or a good will donation! There are limited days and times, so please call Heather at 952-240-0269 if you have questions or visit Hope's Facebook Page for more details. They are also accepting donations of gowns, shoes and jewelry for this event. A flyer with days/times is also posted on our bulletin boards by our front and back doors.

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

### Resounding God's Grace!

- *Relating with love and grace*
- *Radically welcoming our guests*
- *Reaching out to our communities in love*

February 25, 2018

