

Fairmont United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11th, 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

Welcome

* Greeting One Another in Christ

(with a nod or a handshake)

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 107)

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: "Give thanks to the LORD because he is good,
because his faithful love lasts forever!"

People: That's what those who are redeemed by the LORD say!

Leader: Let us thank the LORD for his faithful love
and his wondrous works for all people.

People: Let us offer thanksgiving sacrifices

and declare what God has done in songs of joy!

* Hymn

"We Are Called"

2172

Opening Prayer (in unison)

by Nancy C. Townley, alt.

**Our Loving Lord, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith,
believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often
hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence.**

**Help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your
grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.**

Agape Choir

"The Cross Says Come"

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

Luke 19:1-10

Sherri Dohrmann

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Let's Surprise the World!: E is for Eat"

Response Hymn

"Be Present at Our Table, Lord"

621

We Respond to God's Word with Thanksgiving

Scouting Ministries Sunday Prayer

(see insert)

Our Time of Prayer

Birthdays, Announcements and Opportunities for Fellowship and Service

Our Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

"O Bless the Gifts"

2113, alt

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Lord's Prayer

895

We Go Forth To Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Dismissal with Blessing

By Nancy C. Townley, alt.

Leader: God has shared the best with us.

**People: Now we are challenged to go forth
to share our blessings with others.**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn

"As We Gather at your Table"

2268

* Postlude

Luke 19:1-10

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. ²A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." ⁶So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

⁷Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost."



St. Patrick's Day

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 Arlie Farnham -100 yrs. (3/18)

Our prayers & sympathy: to the family of Bernadine Roebbeke, mother of Jim (Vickie) Roebbeke who passed away on March 4, 2018 and the family of Vincent Celandier who passed away on March 7, 2018 in Belle Plaine.

Our joys & concerns for the previous 4 weeks: Karen Meier, Dick Adams, Randy Moler, Diane Mattson, Douglas Fink, Mackenzie Fink, Wesley Malo, the families of Roger Smith, Shirley Doolittle; 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, March 11

UMCOR Sunday
Daylight Savings Time begins
8:30 am. Hospitality Coffee in Narthex
9:00 am. Worship
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth & Adult Bible Studies
11:15 am. ASP Mtg.-Fellowship Hall
11:30 am. Brunch Bunch-Tami's
2:00 pm Festival of Music – at First Congregational Church
7:00 pm. Discovering My Gifts at Fink's home

Monday, March 12

9:00 am. Exercise Group
12:30 pm. Yoga
6:15 pm. M.C. Daycare Assoc.

Tuesday, March 13

9:00 am. Exercise Group
1:00 pm. Quilters
1:00 pm. Lakeview Bible Study
2:00 pm. Lakeview Communion
5:15 pm. Yoga
7:00 pm. Cub Scouts
7:00 pm. Church Council

Wednesday, March 14

9:00 am. Staff Meeting
9:00 am. Exercise Group
12:30 pm. Yoga
3:15 pm. CLICK
5:00 pm. Lenten Supper-Homemade Chili and Corn Bread
5:45 pm. Agape Choir
6:00 pm. Joyful Choir Practice
6:15 pm. Confirmation Check-in
6:30 pm. Lenten Service
7:15 pm. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 15

9:00 am. TOPS
9:30 am. Rachel Circle
9:30 am. Martha Circle-Fireside Room
12:00 AI-ANON –Women's SS Room
5:15 pm. Yoga
6:00 pm. Refresh Group

Friday, March 16

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

Saturday, March 17

9:00 am. Naomi Circle

Sunday, March 18

Welcome New Members
8:30 am. Hospitality Beverages in the Narthex
9:00 am. Worship
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth & Adult Bible Studies

Today's Worship

Ushers

Ken Tumbleson, Mike Thompson,
Russ Thompson, Brad Musser, Bruce Moore

North Door Greeter

Ellis Saxton

Narthex Greeters

Russ & Lori Higgins

South Door Greeter

Warren Beaty

Acolytes

Ethan Grunewald
Zachary Burch

Scripture Reader

Sherri Dohrmann

Special Music

Agape Choir

Liturgist

Dick Adams

Organist

Ann Wehner

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Dennis Dohrmann, Yong Hill
Lisa Edgington

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Events

Keep Bringing in those Receipts!!

Hy-Vee total - \$56,804 Round 16

Fareway total -\$147,769 Round 6

(Only entire, intact receipts from the Fairmont stores please)



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 2nd, these donations will be distributed to the local food shelves.

Festival of Music – Today, 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 The Ministerial Association to support CREST of Martin County.

The Waldorf Choir 2018 Tour – Waldorf University presents their Waldorf Choir at the Red Rock Center today, March 11, at 7:00 pm. Free Admission

Martha Circle – will be meeting Thursday, March 15, in the Fireside Room at 9:30 am. Ivy Mortensen will be the Hostess.



Easter Egg Bakes – if you would like to donate an egg bake for the Easter Sunday breakfast, there is a sign-up sheet outside the office door.

Cake Pans – we have an assortment of baking pans from the kitchen. If you have brought a cake in the past and are wondering whatever happened to it, please check the pan collection at the top of the ramp. Eventually the remaining pans will be donated to Twelve Baskets/Salvation Army.

Three Meat Buffet – March 18th at First Congregational Church of Sherburn. 212 N. Prairie, Sherburn. Swedish Meatballs, Turkey & Ham. 11:30 – 1:00 pm. Donation of \$8.00. The building is handicapped accessible. This event is sponsored by Women's Fellowship.

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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Worship Attendance on

March 4, 2018

9:00 Worship: 136

Sunday School Leaders/Students: 32

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FOURTH SUNDAY

In Lent

Resounding God's Grace!

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

March 11, 2018

