

Fairmont United Methodist Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4th, 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 19)

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Heaven is declaring God's glory;

the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

People: One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.

Leader: Of course, there's no speech, no words — their voices can't be heard —

but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth.

People: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, LORD, our rock and our redeemer.

* Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

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Opening Prayer (in unison)

by Nancy C. Townley, alt.

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love.

Prepare us to be faithful disciples of Jesus and spiritual descendants of Abraham, so that the peoples of the world will be blessed through us. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Chancel Choir

"He Traded Glory"

M. Patterson

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 10:13-16

Dick Adams

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Let's Surprise the World!: B is for Bless"

We Respond to God's Word with Thanksgiving

Our Time of Prayer

Birthdays, Announcements and Opportunities for Fellowship and Service

Invitation

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Confession and Pardon

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Our Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

"O Bless the Gifts"

2113, alt

*Prayer of Dedication

We Enjoy Holy Communion with Jesus

Jesus' Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

895

Giving the bread and cup

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer (unison)

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Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Forth To Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Dismissal with Blessing

By Nancy C. Townley, alt.

Leader: Let us go forth with the Lord at our side, seeking goodness and compassion.

People: Let us bring the blessing of hope and peace to all whom we meet.

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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* Postlude

Mark 10:13-16

¹³People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. ¹⁵I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it." ¹⁶Then he hugged the children and blessed them.



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: Barb Clark (3/7), Millie Duflo (3/8), Hazel Musser (3/10)

Of concern: Karen Meier

Our prayers & sympathy: to the family of Roger Smith, brother of Chuck (Linda) Smith and son of Ethel Smith. Roger lived in Two Harbors and had a brief battle with cancer.

Our joys & concerns for the previous 4 weeks: Dick Adams, Randy Moler, Rainy Patricca, Ethan Grunewald, Diane Mattson, Douglas Fink, Dawn Doolittle, Mackenzie Fink, Wesley Malo, the families of Shirley Doolittle, 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, March 4

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

Monday, March 5

9:00 am. Exercise Group
12:30 pm. Yoga
4:00 pm. Missions Committee

Tuesday, March 6

9:00 am. Exercise Group
1:00 pm. Quilters
1:00 pm. Lakeview Bible Study
1:30 pm. Caregivers
5:15 pm. Yoga
7:00 pm. Cub Scouts

Wednesday, March 7

9:00 am. Staff Meeting
9:00 am. Exercise Group
12:30 pm. Yoga
3:15 pm. CLICK
5:00 pm. Lenten Supper-Broccoli Cheese, Chicken Noodle soups and Egg Salad Sandwiches
5:45 pm. Agape Choir
6:15 pm. Confirmation Check-in
6:30 pm. Lenten Service
7:15 pm. Chancel Choir
7:15 pm. Trustees Mtg.

Thursday, March 8

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

Friday, March 9

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

Saturday, March 10

No scheduled activities

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Savings Time begins
UMCOR Sunday
8:30 am. Hospitality Beverages in the Narthex
9:00 am. Worship
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth & Adult Bible Studies
11:30 am. Brunch Bunch-Tami's
11:30 am. ASP Team Meeting-Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm. Festival of Music-First Congregational Church
7:00 pm. Discovering Your Gifts

Today's Worship

Ushers

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

North Door Greeter

Dave Johnson

Narthex Greeters

Sheryl Schwarz

South Door Greeter

Warren Beaty

Acolytes

Ethan Grunewald, Zachary Burch

Scripture Reader

Dick Adams

Special Music

Chancel Choir

Liturgist

Lori Higgins

Organist

Ann Wehner

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Events

Keep Bringing in those Receipts!!

Hy-Vee total - \$50,669 Round 16
Fareway total -\$147,119 Round 6
(Only entire, intact receipts from the Fairmont stores please)



Flowers – the flowers on the table by the Communion Table are in honor of Ellis Saxton's 90th birthday (3/3). Happy Birthday!!



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.

Save The Date: TODAY -March 4, 10:10 am. We are having a farewell gathering to honor *Jenny Lewis* and the time she has been a part of our church staff. Join us for cake and beverages.

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 The Ministerial Association to support 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 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.



Worship Attendance on
February 25, 2018

9:00 Worship: 64

Sunday School Leaders/Students: 21

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SUNDAY

IN LENT

Resounding God's Grace!

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

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