

* - 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 by Nancy C. Townley, alt.
 Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Leader: Open your hearts to God's love today.
People: In the midst of our early spring and Lenten darkness, we seek the brightness of God's love.
 Leader: Don't be afraid. God is with you.
People: With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.
 Leader: The Lord is your light and your salvation.
People: Even though everything around us is disconcerting, God's love is constant. Thanks be to God. Amen!
- * Hymn "The Power of the Cross" (Insert # 3085)
 Opening Prayer (in unison) by Matthew J. Packer, alt.
O God, you delight not in pomp and show, but in a humble and contrite heart. Overturn our love of worldly possessions and fix our hearts more firmly on you, that, having nothing, we may yet possess everything, a treasure stored up for us in heaven. Amen.
- Special Music "Homeward Bound" Olivia Moeller
- 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 15:1-3, 11-20 Valerie Hooper
 This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
- Message "Thank God for Grace! Justifying Grace" # 369
 Response Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

We Respond to God's Word with Thanksgiving

- Our Time of Prayer
 Birthdays, Announcements and Opportunities for Fellowship and Service
 Our Offering
 Offertory "Amazing Grace"
 *Doxology "He Touched Me" # 367
 *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: Go in the love of God, whose promises are never broken.
People: We go in the light of Christ, whose love transforms us.
 Leader: Go in the power of the Holy Spirit, whose fire sustains and encourages us.
People: We go now into the world as witnesses of God's love, light, and power.
 Leader: Go in grace and peace. Serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
- * Hymn "Victory in Jesus" # 370
 * Postlude

Luke 15:1-3, 11-20

¹ All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him.
² The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ Jesus told them this parable:
¹¹ Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. ¹² The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. ¹³ Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.
¹⁴ "When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.' " ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.



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.

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.

Forget your checkbook? You can contribute to the church by credit card or smartphone! Visit our website at www.umcfairmont.org/giving/ or use the QR code.



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 Vangie Barber (3/21), Jan Oberg (3/21).

Of concern: Jerry Simon, Ethel Smith, Bettyann Bradley

Our joys & concerns for the previous 4 weeks: Makenzie Fink, Roger Lohse, Dale Bryan, Aries Shefrate, Scott Slater, Mindy Thompson, Joan Hicks, Gordon Franzen, Doug Richards, Jr, the families of Stuart Tanquist, David Shelstad; Stephen Newnum in Brazil, leadership of our country & other countries, leadership of our church.

Pray for our Military: EM1(SW) Lance Brolsma/NSB Bangor, Bangor, WA, son of Denise & Dale Baruth, Tim & Diane Brolsma, grandson of Bev Fenske

Calendar

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day
8:30 am. Hospitality Coffee/Narthex
9:00 am. Worship
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth & Adult Bible Studies

Monday, March 18

9:00 am. Exercise Group
9:30 am. Finance Committee Mtg
12:30 pm. Yoga
7:00 pm. Community Concert Series
Com. meet in Conference Rm (122)

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 am. Exercise Group
1:00 pm. Lakeview Bible Study
1:00 pm. Quilters
3:00 pm Circuit Rider Deadline
5:15 pm. Yoga
7:00 pm. Cub Scouts
7:00 pm. SPRC Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, March 20

First day of Spring
8:30 am. Staff Meeting
9:00 am. Exercise Group
12:30 pm. Yoga
3:15 pm. CLICK
5:00 pm. Wed. Lenten Supper –
Turkey Noodle & Tomato Basil
Soups, turkey/cheese sandwiches
5:45 pm. Bible Study (Rm 121)
5:45 pm. Agape Choir
6:15 pm. Confirmation Check-in
6:30 pm. Lenten Service
7:15 pm. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 21

9:00 am. TOPS (Rm 117)
9:30 am. Grief Counsel (Rm 122)
9:30 am. Martha Cir. at Green Mill
9:30 am. Rachel Cir-Fellowship Hall
9:30 am. Grief Counsel (Rm 122)
12:00 pm. AI-ANON (Rm 117)
5:15 pm. Yoga
6:00 pm. NO Refresh Worship

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

9:00 am. Naomi Circle

Sunday, March 24

8:00 am. Men's Breakfast (men only)
8:30 am. Hospitality/Narthex
9:00 am. Worship
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Today's Worship

Ushers

Russ Thompson, Bruce Moore, Bob Koch
Mike Thompson

North Door Greeter

Millie Adams

Narthex Greeter

Valerie Hooper

South Door Greeters

Gene & Ione Cross

Acolytes

Allison Janssen
Mackenzie Householder

Scripture Reader

Valerie Hooper

Special Music

Olivia Moeller (Ann's granddaughter)

Liturgist

Rich Dehmer

Organist

Ann Wehner

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Worship Attendance on

March 10, 2019

9:00 Worship: 74

Events

Keep Bringing in those Receipts!!

Hy-Vee total - \$103,010 Round 18

Fareway total - \$135,419 Round 7

(only receipts from the Fairmont stores please)



Lenten Services – during Lent, we will be serving Lenten suppers. Rather than Wednesday Night Worship, we will have a Bible study at 5:45. This group will meet in the Media Room (121). Lenten services will begin at 6:30 in the Sanctuary for the next 4 weeks. After Easter, our regular Wednesday activities will resume.

Milk Moola Program – Kwik Trip will be discontinuing this program at the end of March 2019. Please have all your bottle caps and bag tops to the church by **March 20** to allow time to get them sent in. After that, please throw these items in your personal trash.

Coins For Camping – the UMW and Missions are combing efforts to raise money for camping funds to send local kids to summer camps. Please put your donations in the little cabin, canoe or campfire that are set up in the Narthex.

Tornado Kits –the Missions Committee is collecting for tornado kits. The list of items can be picked up in the Narthex, from Audrey Schwab or in the office. Monetary donations are preferred as they are easier to send.

Martha Circle – will be meeting at Green Mill at 9:30 am. on March 21.

Festival of Music – rescheduled to March 31, at 2:00 pm. at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. We invite you to come and enjoy music presented by area church choirs and musicians to celebrate the love of God. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit CREST.



Save the Date – May 7 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Holy Hot Dish. After a couple year's hiatus, the UMW has volunteered to sponsor this event once again. Details will be forthcoming. Proceeds will be used for FUMC camperships.

KJLY Women's Conference – “But God...” Featuring humorist and author Liz Curtis Higgs. Saturday, April 6. Worship music, mini sessions, lunch. Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato. \$37 per person. Register at kinshipradio.org. Join other women from our congregation who are registered to attend. Carpooling will be available. Contact Women's Bible study class members for more details.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – today, March 17, benefiting The Boy Scout Camp Cedar Point, Polaris Lodge. Serving begins at 9:00-12:00 at the Fairmont Knights of Columbus. Menu consist of pancakes, sausage, milk and coffee. Free will donations.



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SECOND SUNDAY



IN LENT

Resounding God's Grace!

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

March 17, 2019

