

* - 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 Pam Serdar, alt.
Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: The mountain waits:
People: ready to show us mysteries beyond our comprehension.
Leader: The mountain waits:
People: ready to change our very being beyond our singular power.
Leader: The mountain waits:
People: Let us go boldly together, uncertain about the future, but willing to behold the face of God, willing to be transfigured in the image of the Christ, willing to follow The Way of Jesus.
* Hymn "Come, Share the Lord" # 2269
Opening Prayer (in unison) by Pam Serdar, Janet Morley alt.
God of vision, we long to see your face and are afraid to see it. Holy Christ, Like Peter, James and John before us, we come to the mountaintop grumbling, exhausted, reluctant. We are not even sure we want to see Jesus transfigured, and in a different light.

Unclench our spirits, nourish our souls, that we may continue your ministry of hope and healing in a wounded world. Uncover our faces and expose us to your glory, that we may comprehend the outcast in their suffering and insight, and the world may be transfigured in you. Amen.

Special Music "Grace Alone" Russ & Chris Steele
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 9:28-43 Robynn Buhmann
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Message "The Next Day The Ministry Continued..."

We Respond to God's Word with Thanksgiving

Celebration of Baptism
Baptismal Covenant II (p. 39-43)
Response Song "God Claims You" # 2249
"Abraham, God claims you..."
Our Time of Prayer
Birthdays, Announcements and Opportunities for Fellowship and Service
Invitation UMH p. 12
Confession and Pardon UMH p. 12

Our Offering
Offertory "Seek Ye First" Russ & Chris Steele
*Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 94
*Prayer of Dedication

We Enjoy Holy Communion with Jesus

The Great Thanksgiving (Liturgy # 13-14)
The Lord's Prayer # 895
Giving the bread and cup "Jesus Will Make Us His Own"
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
Thanksgiving Prayer (unison)

We Go Forth To Serve God and Our Neighbors

*Dismissal with Blessing by David E. Brown, alt
Leader: Having seen Jesus, let us go down from the mountain and into the world.
People: Strengthened by worship and our worldwide community of faith, we will let the light of Christ shine forth.
Leader: Having seen Jesus, let us go down from the mountain and into the world.
People: Following Jesus, we will proclaim the good news of grace and salvation, peace and reconciliation, healing and hope to all people.
Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn "I Come With Joy" # 617
* Postlude

Luke 9:28-43
²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. ³¹ They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. ³² Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

³³ As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. ³⁴ Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

³⁵ Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" ³⁶ Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

³⁷ The next day, when Jesus, Peter, John, and James had come down from the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. ³⁸ A man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to take a look at my son, my only child. ³⁹ Look, a spirit seizes him and, without any warning, he screams. It shakes him and causes him to foam at the mouth. It tortures him and rarely leaves him alone. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to throw it out, but they couldn't."

⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and crooked generation, how long will I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon threw him down and shook him violently. Jesus spoke harshly to the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ Everyone was overwhelmed by God's greatness.

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 Ellis Saxton (3/3), Susan Kahler (3/3), Barb Clark (3/7), Millie Duflo (3/8), Charlie Roach (3/8). Congratulations to the Tonne/Weinberger families on the baptism of Abraham Michael Weinberger.

Of concern: Dale Bryan, Aries Shefrate, Scott Slater, Mindy Thompson, Joan Hicks, Ruth McGowan, Donna McGowan

Our payers & sympathies: to the family of Stuart Tanquist who passed away recently. He was the son of Roger (Mardel) Tanquist and Dorothy Ihnen.

Our joys & concerns for the previous 4 weeks: Dave Fulton (brother of Lori Higgins, Shirley McCoy (mother of Cindy Tonne), Gordon Franzen, Doug Richards, Jr, Makenzie Fink, Rhonda Swanson, Bettyann, Jim Mathiason, Ben Smith, the family of 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 3

Holy Communion
8:30 am. Hospitality Coffee/Narthex
9:00 am. Worship-Baptism
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth & Adult Bible Studies
10:10 am. Growing in Faith
4:00 pm. Abigail Circle

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday
8:30 am. Staff Meeting
9:00 am. Exercise Group
12:30 pm. Yoga
3:15 pm. CLICK
5:00 pm. Wed. Lenten Supper – Fish Fillets
5:45 pm. Bible Sty-Media 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 7

9:00 am. TOPS
9:00 am. UMW
9:30 am. Grief Counsel-Conference Rm
12:00 PM. AI-ANON
5:15 pm. Yoga
6:00 pm. NO Refresh Worship

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

No scheduled activities

Sunday, March 10

Girl Scout Sunday
8:30 am. Hospitality/Narthex
9:00 am. Worship
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth and Adult Bible Studies
10:10 am. Growing in Faith
11:30 am. Brunch Bunch-Pizza Ranch
2:00 pm. Festival of Music

Today's Worship

Ushers

Russ Thompson, Zack Thompson, Bob Koch
Brad Musser, Mike Thompson

North Door Greeter

Buhmann Family

Narthex Greeter

Orville & Irene Deling

South Door Greeters

Bob & Naomi Koch

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Robynn Buhmann

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Worship Attendance on

February 24, 2019

9:00 Worship: 25

Events

Keep Bringing in those Receipts!!

Hy-Vee total - \$90,437 Round 18

Fareway total - \$130,641 Round 7

(only receipts from the Fairmont stores please)



Baptism – today we rejoice in the baptism of Abraham Michael Weinberger, born on 11/20/18 in Blue Earth. Abraham is the son of Mike & Molly Weinberger, grandson of Gene & Cindy Tonne and Ron & Julia Weinberger.

Festival of Music - will be on March 10 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. CREST is our local organization “enhancing the quality of life for those they serve.” There is a clipboard being passed around today asking for volunteers to greet at the back (north) door, bring refreshments and to clean up afterwards. Thank you to those who have already signed up.



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

A Note from the Monday Offering Counters -Attendance is down because of our nasty February weather! When attendance is down, money does not flow in! We need to keep the lights and heat on and our staff paid. There are many different opportunities to support the church's needs. (Online giving at <https://umcfairmont.org/giving/>, or mailing your “catch up” contribution to Fairmont UMC, 119 E. 2nd St, Fairmont MN 56031, to name two ways.) Questions? Ask Renee Poppe, Ralph McMillan, Gene Cross, Larry Hill, or Charlie Roatch. Please keep you giving up to date. Thank You!

Bad Weather Reminder

On Weekdays... as in the past, if weather conditions close the Fairmont Area Schools early, any scheduled activities at the church that day/evening will also be cancelled. (Choir rehearsals are sometimes an exception to this policy, so please check with your choir director if you are unsure.) **On Sunday mornings** we will have worship regardless of the weather. Yet, we do ask that you remember that your safety is our utmost concern. **If it is too hazardous for you to make it to worship, please stay home and catch worship on our website at umcfairmont.org/worship-services/**



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Resounding God's Grace!

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

March 3, 2019