

Fairmont United Methodist Church

April 28th, 2019

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

Leader: Faith never comes easy. Thomas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, doubted the post-Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.

People: How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!

Leader: How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.

People: Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may believe fully in him. AMEN.

* Hymn

"He Lives"

310

Opening Prayer (in unison)

by Nancy Townley

We confess that we far too often want proof for everything, O Lord. We want proof that someone loves us; we want proof that we can trust in others; we want proof that everything in life is going to turn out all right. It is easy for us to point our finger at Thomas who was honest about his fears. He had seen so much healing and hope. But those hopes seemed dashed when Jesus died. Even the news of the Resurrection did not completely lift the darkness from his life. Jesus said to him, just as he says to us, "Peace, be still. Do not doubt but believe!" Lord, forgive our unbelief! Forgive the many times when we think and act in ways which are hurtful and mean. Heal our wounds. Bind up our spirits in the cords of your compassion. Help us to fully place our trust in you, with our whole hearts, and minds, and spirits, and souls. For we ask this in your blessed Name. AMEN.

Agape Choir

"God's Grace (with Amazing Grace)"

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

John 20:19-31

Sharon Ring

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For All of God's Children "Where Children Belong"

2233 (twice)

Message

"Doubting Thomas, Seeing Is Believing?"

We Respond to God's Word with Thanksgiving

Our Time of Prayer

Our Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

"My Tribute"

99

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Lord's Prayer

895

Birthdays, Announcements and Opportunities for Fellowship and Service

We Go Forth To Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Dismissal with Blessing

Leader: Thomas said: "Unless I see the mark of the nails and put my hand in his side, I will not believe"

People: We are often skeptical people, driven by our senses, relying on that which we can hear, see or prove.

Leader: Our Lord asks us to see the invisible, to trust in the spirit, to have faith. Lord give us faith!

People: Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions, by wishful thinking and by popular trends that pull us in.

Leader: Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs, but also careful as Thomas was. Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things and open our eyes for spiritual realities.

People: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Amen.

* Hymn

"Without Seeing You"

2206

* Postlude

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."



²⁴ Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

²⁸ Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

³⁰ Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. ³¹ But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

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 Sherman Kumba (4/29)

Of concern: Justin Stoddard, Danny Sorenson, Donna McGowan

Our joys & concerns for the previous 4 weeks: Wayne Harder, Essence, Leach, Richard Bradley, Bonnie True, Aries Shefrate, to the families of Joan Hicks, Ethel Smith; 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, April 28

8:30 am. Hospitality Coffee/Narthex
9:00 am. Worship
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Monday, April 29

9:00 am. Exercise Group
12:30 pm. Yoga
6:15 pm. MC Day Care (makeup day)

Tuesday, April 30

9:00 am. Exercise Group
10:00 am. Finance Comm. Meeting
1:00 pm. Lakeview Bible Study
1:00 pm. Quilters
5:15 pm. Yoga
7:00 pm. Cub Scouts

Wednesday, May 1

8:30 am. Staff Meeting
9:00 am. Exercise Group
12:30 pm. Yoga
5:00 pm. Wed. Supper – Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
5:45 pm. Worship
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir
6:30 pm. Confirmation/Mentors (last Confirmation Classes)
6:30 pm. Trustees Meeting

Thursday, May 2

National Day of Prayer
9:00 am. TOPS (Rm 117)
9:00 am. Grief Counseling (Rm 122)
12:00 pm. AI-ANON (Rm 117)
12:00 pm. UMW Salad Lunch
5:15 pm. Yoga
6:00 pm. Refresh Worship

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

No scheduled activities

Sunday, May 5

Native American Ministries
8:30 am. Hospitality/Narthex
9:00 am. Worship - Baptism
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth and Adult Bible Studies
4:00 pm. Abigail Circle (#12)



Worship Attendance on April 14, 2019

9:00 Worship: 183
6:30 Sunrise: 55

Today's Worship

Ushers

Lisa Edgington, Todd Edgington
Roger Kain, Reed Gethmann

North Door Greeter

Narthex Greeter

Chuck & Pat Schultz

South Door Greeter

Sharon Ring

Acolytes

Zachary Burch
Dillon Pluim

Scripture Reader

Sharon Ring

Special Music

Agape Choir

Liturgist

Rich Dehmer

Organist

Ann Wehner

Media Team

Tami Stegge, Levi Pooley
Brad Musser



Events

Keep Bringing in those Receipts!!

Hy-Vee total - \$147,776 Round 18
Fareway total - \$7,563 Round 8
(only receipts from the Fairmont stores please)



Flowers – the flower on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Easter – given by Clare Lidke.

Holy Hot Dish – Reminder-the UMW will be hosting the Holy Hotdish on May 7. We will be serving Tacos with all the fixings, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Vanilla Ice Cream with Cinnamon Churros. **We still need a couple more volunteers on the cleanup crew.**

Thank you – to everyone that helped make the Easter Egg Bake Breakfast a great success. This includes all who attended, those that helped in the kitchen and for those that made donations to this breakfast.

Pillow Cleaning – CREST of Martin County will be hosting the Carlson Pillow Cleaning on Thursday, May 2 from 7:30 am. - 3:30 pm. in the upper level of the Evangelical Covenant Church, 901 Woodland Ave, Fairmont. Pillows will be fluffed, cleaned, deodorized and sanitized while you wait or you may come back to pick them up later in the day. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit the services that CREST makes available to those in need in Martin County.

United Methodist Women – are invited to the United Methodist Church in Armstrong, IA on May 2 at 2:00. Hy-Vee of Estherville will be speaking on flowers. Please RSVP to Freda at 712-868-3694 by April 29.

Wish Tree – the Building Design Team has put together a “Wish List” (below) of some other items that would benefit the church. A “Wish Tree” is located in the Narthex. Stars have been placed on the tree that will identify an item from the “Wish List”. You can help by choosing a STAR from the tree and donating part or all of the amount identified on that star. Make sure you designate the item you are “granting a wish” for on your check or your online donation. “When you wish upon a star, your dreams come true”.

Wish List:

- * Paint for Fellowship Hall & Other Rooms
- * Changing Table – Handicap Accessible Restroom – Lower Level
- * Funeral Banner
- * Installation Cost of Wi-Fi Upgrade
- * 2 New Cross & Flame Signs (Front & Back of Church)
- * 2 Additional Sauder Storage Cabinets

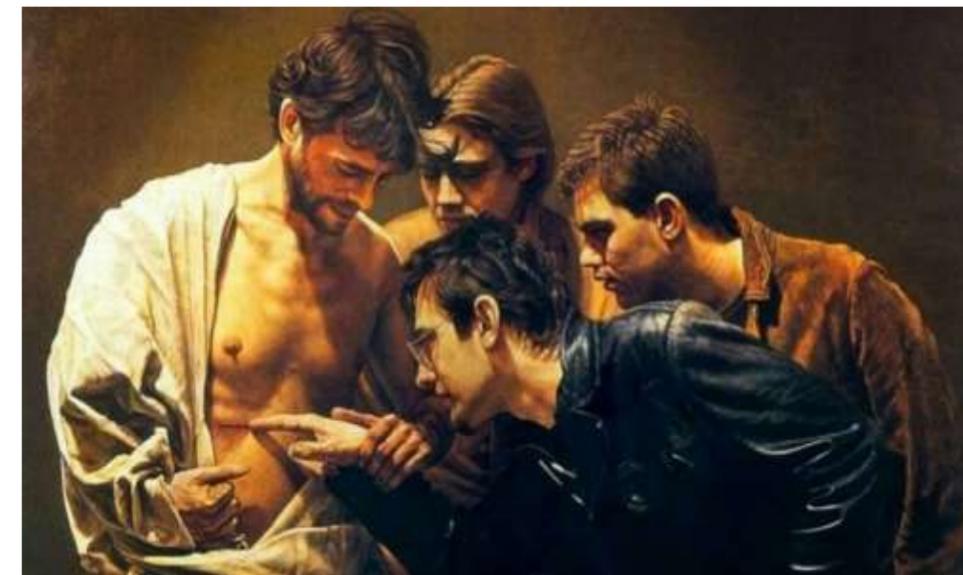


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Resounding God's Grace!

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

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