

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please pass the attendance registration pads. We ask all members, as well as our guests, to fill out the information.)*

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL to WORSHIP

Our God is with us and has made us all one.

**God has broken down the dividing walls of hostility and strangeness between us.**

Our God is personal, a friend and helper for each of us.

**Our God, who is Parent of us all, calls us to be the best we can be, to be sisters and brothers together.**

We are, then, no longer strangers and sojourners.

**We are instead fellow citizens of this world and members, one and all, of the household of faith. With that as our beginning, let our worship now begin!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN UMH #103

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

### \*WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION

**We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen and comfort.**

**We rejoice in every sign of God’s kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God’s gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth’s resources.**

**We confess our shortcomings, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation or faith; through exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.**

**We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope and love, praying that God’s kingdom may come.**  
(UMH #886)

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SHARING of JOYS, CONCERNS and  
GOD MOMENTS

## SILENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OUR LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

\*HYMN *“Saranam, Saranam”* UMH #523

SCRIPTURE John 1:1, 14 Psalm 19:14

SERMON *“The Words of Communion”*

## COMMUNION

## RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY *“Give Thanks”* TFWS #2036  
**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks, because God’s given Jesus Christ, the Son.**  
**And now, let the weak say, “I am strong”; Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We bring these gifts in humility to You, Lord. Give us open hearts to also bring the gifts that truly bring joy to your heart... the gifts of compassion, mercy and the desire for nurture and justice for all your loved people around the world. Use us, Lord, send us in your name. Amen**

**\*HYMN** *TFWS #2237*  
*“As A Fire Is Meant For Burning”*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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Tonight, 6 p.m. Cowboy Church at Cherry Grove UMC.

Next Sunday, March 12: Daylight Saving Time begins. Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!

**THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE**

- 3/6 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 3/8 5:45 pm Soup Supper at Faith
- 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Faith
- 3/9 6:00 pm Staff Parish Committee Meeting
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- 3/11 5:00 pm Scouts Chili Supper at Faith
- 3/12 7:45 am Vocal Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:00 am Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship

**PARISH LENTEN SERVICES**

“Encounters on the Road to the Cross” will view Jesus through the eyes of some of the men and women who encountered him on the road to the cross.

- 3/8 5:45 pm Soup Supper at Faith
- 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Faith
- 3/15 5:45 pm Soup Supper at Faith
- 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Faith
- 3/22 5:45 pm Soup Supper at Faith
- 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Faith
- 3/29 5:45 pm Soup Supper at Faith
- 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Faith
- 4/5 5:45 pm Soup Supper at Faith
- 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Faith
- 4/13 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service Faith
- 4/14 7:00 pm Good Friday Service Cherry Grove

**FOOD FOR KIDZ – PARISH SERVICE**

Volunteers are needed to help on April 1 at the Stewartville Civic Center to package 120,000 meals. No experience necessary. Shifts are 2 hours long from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and you can sit or stand or do a combination of both. For more information call 346-2044. Signup sheets at each church.

**MARCH FOODSARE MONTH**

Minnesota FoodShare is an interfaith collaboration formed in 1982 to help restock food shelves across the state. Please bring food items or donate during March. Our goal is 1000 lbs/cash. Make checks payable to Faith UMC with memo of Food Share. All donations go to the Spring Valley Area Food Shelf. Check the March newsletter for items needed.

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 5, 2017**



**Rev. David Lieder & Rev. Deanna Woodward  
In Ministry Together With the People Of  
Fountain, Cherry Grove and Spring Valley**