

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *"You Raise Me Up"* Bell Choir

### \*CALL to WORSHIP

Loving God, the joy of the morning is upon us;  
The light of your love is within us;

**The sense of your power surrounds us;**

The peace of your Presence enfolds us;

**Let us give thanks and worship!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN UMH #674

*"See The Morning Sun Ascending"*

### \*A UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Creator, who made the past, lives in the present and works toward the future. I believe God gives us our roots, our life and our hope.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift to us, who teaches us, reaches us and, if we let him, sets us free to move toward God. Sharing our life with Jesus, we are able to live and die knowing God is with us.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, God's gift of presence with us now. In this spirit we are called by name to gather for worship, study, friendship and prayer. Empowered by this spirit we are sent out to live a life of love, proclaiming in thought, word and action, the good news of the resurrection of Jesus as our Christ, in whose name we offer this affirmation.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

BAPTISM OF Emily Kate Stackhouse  
Daughter of Megan Dailey and Brady Stackhouse  
Emily's sponsors are Dylan Dailey  
Brian and Sara Stackhouse

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE UMH #44  
Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care, Emily Kate whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Emily, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

SPECIAL MUSIC Bell Choir  
*"When the Saints Go Marching In"*

SHARING of JOYS, CONCERNS and  
GOD MOMENTS

SILENT PRAYERS

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**

SCRIPTURE John 15:7-12

MEDITATION *"Like It Or Not, Love Anyway"*

COMMUNION

THE RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*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

**You have given us light and life, hope and joy, O Lord. Bless the gifts we bring and the ministries they enable us to carry out. Help us to truly become bearers of the light of Christ in our world. Amen**

\*HYMN UMH #671  
*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Handbell Song" Bell Choir

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**FAITH FAMILY FINANCES**

4/30/17 Year to date giving	\$57,576.13
4/30/17 Year to date budget	\$66,969.54
4/30/17 Attendance	68
4/30/17 Offering	\$2,351.00
Needed weekly to meet our budget	\$3,720.50

**COWBOY CHURCH**

Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Cherry Grove UMC for Cowboy Church.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fundraiser last Sunday by working, furnishing or attending. Over \$1,000 was raised to support our commitment toward apportionments.

**RECITAL**

Mosher Music will be hosting a piano recital on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

**HELP NEEDED?**

Need help around the home? Kiwanis volunteers are available to help you on projects that you are unable to do. (lawn cleanup, minor painting, window washing, etc.) For more information: Call Steve at First State Bank, Minnesota: 346-9836, or Jay at Edina Realty: 346-1751, Spring Valley, MN

**PLANTERS \$12** – Support your Sunday School program with a beautiful planter available May 7 and 14 to purchase for \$12 each. Stop by the Fireside Room to pick one up.

**LOVE OFFERING – May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for Missions. This year, we are invited to "encounter the Spirit and live expectantly". Paul's words to the church at Corinth are instructive to us as we prepare for the Holy Spirit to work through our offering to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people and heal a broken world. This year the Love Offering for Missions will support three projects that will help others live expectantly and abundantly.

United Methodist University of Sierra Leone- School of Applied Health Sciences 60%

Sierra Leone has one of the lowest life expectancies in the world. One in every five children dies before his/her fifth birthday. There is limited health access and few trained professionals. A school of applied health sciences will be created next to the Methodist affiliated Mercy Hospital giving students access to practical, hands-on training.

Emma Norton Services 30%

Emma Norton Services, celebrating 100 years as a Methodist mission, helps women, children and families achieve victory over homelessness, mental illness and chemical dependency. The Twin Cities based nonprofit provides safe, affordable housing through Emma Norton Residence, which supports 50 women in transition at any given time and Emma's Place, which houses 13 families on a permanent basis. Other programs include youth programs, life skills and out of poverty training, mental health, case management and advocacy for women with disabilities.

Volunteers in Mission Scholarships (10%)

Scholarships are available to first time volunteers.

Your generosity is gratefully appreciated and in the words of Bishop Bruce Ough, "Thank you for your extravagant stewardship, for your obedience to the Holy Spirit's leading and for embracing God's gifts to heal a broken world."

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST**  
**CHURCH**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 7, 2017**



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