

“The Most Excellent Way”

(The asterisk (*) indicates those times in worship when those who are able are invited to stand.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music Faith Choir

***Call to Worship**

Today we come together in the name of our Savior Jesus to learn more about his teaching, life and ministry. We come together as a living church to worship, share in fellowship and to grow in our faith, commitment and love. We gather as disciples of Jesus to live and share the Good News of God’s redeeming love!

We come away from the stresses and pressures of the world to be refreshed and renewed. Jesus invited his disciples to come with him to a quiet place and get some rest... Today may we rest and be renewed and refreshed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May this be a holy time to worship and give thanks to God! May this be a holy time to truly open our hearts to Jesus. God is at work calling us into a close relationship with him – and miracles are happening every day. Great and awesome things happen and even five loaves of bread and two fish reveal to us just how great God is!!

Yes! Jesus fed five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish!! Jesus feeds us, too! Jesus feeds us and calls us afresh to be his people! With praise and thanksgiving to God, we lift our voices and sing!

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 122
“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”

***Opening Prayer**

***Passing the Peace – Sharing in Christian Fellowship**

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Children’s Time

Sharing of Joys, Concerns and God Moments

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The 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** UMH 384
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Response

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message “The Most Excellent Way”

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology** TFWS 2036
“Give Thanks”

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** UMH 672
“God Be With You till We Meet Again”

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

***Postlude**

Pianists: Suz Eberle and Kristie Shorter

UMCOR Noisy Offerings | Smile at a child and add some change to his/her bucket as the Sunday School children collect needed cash each Sunday during the month of February for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This offering will underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business" and makes it possible for donations that are designated to a specific disaster area go 100% to that area. Any surplus will go to area of greatest need. Smile and give with a cheerful heart.

Newsletter Deadline | Friday, February 21 | Deadline for submitting articles for the March parish newsletter.

Ice Fishing | Saturday, February 22 at 11 am | Maple Leaf Parish Youth will meet at Faith UMC to head to Foster-Arend Park to do some ice fishing! Equipment will be provided and lunch will be served! Dress accordingly. Hope to see you there!

Youth Snow-tubing | Sunday, February 23 from 12:30 - 2:30 pm | Faith Sunday School has made reservations to go snow tubing at Ironwood Springs in Stewartville. Cost is \$12 per person/ages 3 and under are free. Please RSVP to the church office.

Earth Day | The Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation Office has trees available for planting this spring. The trees are generally delivered prior to Earth Day in April. As a mission project, would our churches be interested in some trees for spring planting? Please let Pastor Mark know and arrangements will be made. This could be kind of a cool mission project for Earth Day in April 2020!

Men's Group | Pulling together a Maple Leaf Parish Men's Club... Primary focus: fellowship, spiritual growth, mission projects, etc. Would there be interest in starting a men's club for men of all ages in our churches? Please let Pastor Mark know what you think... we are praying about this now....seeing where the Holy Spirit might lead?

FAITH FAMILY FINANCIALS	2/2/2020
Needed for budget	\$3,617.24
Offering	\$3,971.00
Attendance	69

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