

## **“Brothers and Sisters Chosen by God”**

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

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

It is a real blessing and joy to come together as a loving, compassionate and Holy Spirit-filled church to share in worship and fellowship. This is a day for a us to realize that we are all chosen and called into ministry in sharing and living the Good News of Jesus Christ! There is a real sense of joy as God’s people come together for worship...we embrace and encourage one another as we share our many gifts in building up the Kingdom of God here on Earth...

**Let’s come away for a holy time, to just focus our thoughts and feelings on God’s love for each one of us...God does not love sin, but God does love people. In Jesus Christ through the power of grace, forgiveness and love, we are called afresh to be God’s redeemed, forgiven and loved people! Today we can claim afresh our calling as we seek to live as a Christian is called to live...**

May this time together be blessed in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit! We want to walk with Jesus through the journey of our earthly lives and we want to make a positive difference in sharing and living the Good news of Jesus Christ. It is a real joy to worship together with our families, friends, and new people...welcoming one another....

**Today we open our hearts for this time of worship that we may share our gifts, talents and abilities all to the glory of God. We want to be the kind of people God calls us to be. We want to be the kind of people who walk with Jesus... Lord, here we are...May each one of us be used in ministry all to the glory of God!**

#### **\*Hymn of Praise**

UMH 402

“Lord I Want to Be A Christian”

#### **\*Opening Prayer**

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

#### **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 114

“Many Gifts One Spirit”

#### **Scripture Reading**

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

#### **Response**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Message**

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#### **Sacrament of Communion**

#### **Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Offertory**

#### **\*Doxology**

TFWS 2036

“Give Thanks”

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

#### **\*Hymn**

UMH 593

“Here I Am, Lord”

## \*Benediction and Sending Forth

## \*Postlude

**Pianists:** Suz Eberle and Kristie Shorter

**Faith UMW** | Wednesday, March 11 at 9:30 am | Faith UMW meets at Faith Church.

**Lent** | Wed., March 11: 6 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper in Spring Valley. 6:30 p.m. Lenten speakers, Julee Warren and Steve Hauser speaking on "Teamwork, Involvement, Commitment, Honesty, Trust."

**Faith Meetings** | Thursday, March 12 | 6 pm – SPRC, 6:30 – Faith Finance Committee, 7 pm – Faith Church Council

**MN FoodShare** | March is Minnesota FoodShare Month. During the month of March, when you shop for your family, add some items for this food drive. **Cash is even better**, since our food shelf's dollar can buy a lot more from the Rochester Channel One Food Bank than your dollar at the grocery store. *Make checks payable to your church and write "Food Share" in the memo.* All donations will go the **Area Food Shelf.**

**Pie Face** | Date to be set soon | A mission project begun before Christmas involved having our youth group collect food for the Spring Valley Food shelf. As a result of this project, Pastor Mark Has agreed to have whipped cream pie in the face... Stay tuned date to be set soon!

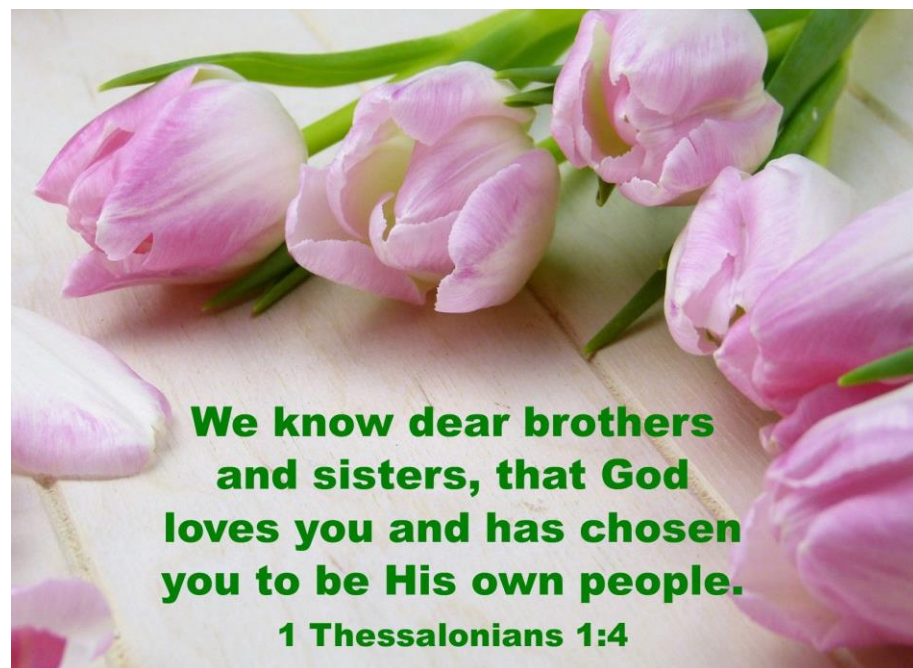
**Earth Day** | The Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation Office has trees available for planting this spring. The trees are generally delivered prior to Earth Day in April. As a mission project, would our churches be interested in some trees for spring planting? Please let Pastor Mark know and 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?

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