

This Sunday

Liturgist: Bob Brostrom

Greeter: Freddie Neal

Coffee Hour Hostess: Susie Hawes

Next Sunday

Bruce Baldwin

Cyndy Shea

Janet Weaver

Prayer & Concerns: -Rose Ayers –Debbie Miller – Nancy Kammenga & Family - and all others in need of prayers

Food Bank Suggestion for Spring: Current items most needed are pasta, cereals, crackers, jello, granulated sugar, canned fruits, vegetables, pork and beans, chili beans, and personal items such as shampoo, toothpaste, paper towels, Kleenex, hand creams. The grocery cart for your contributions remains in the church foyer. Regular Food Bank Hours: Wednesday 3-6:00 PM, Fridays 1-3:00 PM Commodities First Monday of each month.

A message from Stephen Ministries

East Again

Everyone around you is celebrating this joyful season.

But in your life it is still Lent

Will you ever overcome these feelings of pain and sorrow?

A Stephen Minister would like to be there for you, to listen and to care as you sort through your feelings.

At times like these, it is very important to have someone who cares. Our congregation has trained lay people, Stephen Ministers, who offer a ministry of Christian caring here at Rochester United Methodist Church.

Contact: Brett DeMond, Lonnie Crumley or Pastor McPherson.

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3rd Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2010

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please take a few moments to fill out a prayer request card for your joys and concerns. These will be collected during the celebration in song and handed to the pastor before our prayer time)

PASSING THE PEACE

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

CELEBRATION IN SONG: We will follow the song team and you will find the words projected on the screen.

*** OPENING PRAYER (Responsively)**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Let all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your wounds.

Who redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

(Psalm 103:1-4)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-3

MESSAGE

Pastor McPherson

"Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?"

HOLY COMMUNION

(See Insert)

*** HYMN**

"Freely, Freely"

No. 389

BENEDICTION

Your generous donation for The Sonlight Preschool & Family Learning Center will help defray start up costs and prepare for an amazing learning environment for the little kids in our community.

If you would like, a love offering envelope* is included in this week's bulletin.

*Your normal offering/tithes are to be kept separate.

Celebration of Holy Communion

RESPONSIVE LITURGY

The church of Jesus Christ is where the untouchable come to be touched; where the spiritually blind are given visions of wholeness, and those who are deaf to the Word of God are enabled to hear; the church of Jesus Christ is where the lame and those who are dying live joyous lives in harmony with one another and with nature.

The church of Jesus Christ is where daisies bloom out of barren land; where children lead and wise folks follow; where mountains are moved and walls come tumbling down.

The church of Jesus Christ is where loaves of bread are stacked in the sanctuary to feed the hungry; where coats are taken off and put on the backs of the naked; where shackles are discarded and kings and shepherds sit down to life together.

The church of Jesus Christ is where barefoot children run giggling in procession; where the minister is ministered unto; where music is the laughter of the congregation and the offering plates are full of people offering lives of service.

The church of Jesus Christ is where the sea divides for the exiles; where the ark floats and the lamb lies down with the lion; where people can disagree and hold hands at the same time.

The church of Jesus Christ is where night is day; where trumpets and drums and tambourines declare God's goodness; where lost lambs are found.

The church of Jesus Christ is where people write thank-you notes to God; where work is a holiday; where seeds are scattered and miracles are grown.

The church of Jesus Christ is where we live responsively in God's presence and where we experience the joy and support of Christian fellowship.

OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

* DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

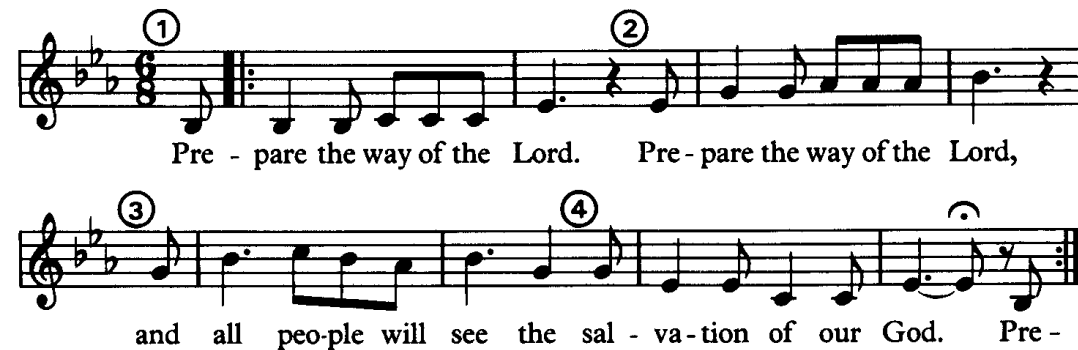
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Coming into a world filled with disharmony and violence, Jesus called upon all people to sit down together and break the Bread of Peace. We respond to his invitation, recalling how he took the bread, gave thanks to you, and then shared it with all who would receive it.

Then, reminding us of your eternal covenant with us, he raised the Cup, gave thanks to you, and shared it.

Today, as we receive these gifts of bread and wine, we remember and celebrate your eternal love and forgiveness and your power and victory over sin and death. May they so fill us with your Holy Spirit that our lives would be unambiguous witnesses to your presence among us.



① Pre - pare the way of the Lord. ② Pre - pare the way of the Lord,
③ and all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. ④ Pre -

By the power of your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until his peace reigns over all Creation and all people are filled with your goodness and mercy.

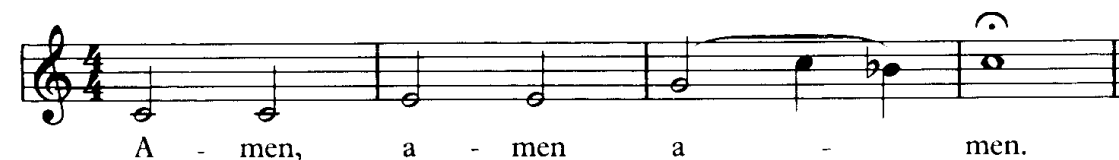
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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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



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HOLY COMMUNION (Everyone is invited.)

This weeks RUMC events calendar (**Monthly Calendar** in Friendly Caller)

Sunday

9:15 am Breakfast
9:45 am J.A.M. Kids & Disciple Class
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
6:30 pm Applied Theology

Monday

7:00 pm NA Meeting

Tuesday

2:00 pm Sonshine Friends
6:00 pm Yoga

Wednesday

9:45 am Staying Active Exercise
5:00 pm Song Team Practice
6:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm NA Meeting
7:00 pm Christian Caring Class

Thursday

8:30 am TOPS
6:00 pm Yoga

Friday

9:45 am Staying Active Exercise

Upcoming Events

Spring cleaning of the church inside and outside is scheduled for March 20 at 10 am bring sack lunch.

Liturgist meeting will be held after church today