



You are saved by God's grace because of your faith.

— Ephesians 2:8

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 11, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Our Statement of Faith: Jesus, Our Rock of Salvation, Our Life Springs Eternal

Faith Theme 2018

***HEALTHY THINGS GROW>GROWING THINGS CHANGE>CHANGE IS A CHALLENGE>
CHALLENGE FORCES US TO TRUST GOD—>TRUSTING GOD MAKES US HEALTHY>
HEALTHY THINGS GROW!***

Prelude

Svetlana Martin

Welcome and Announcements

Please register your presence with us this morning, then pass the book to the person sitting next to you. Before the offertory, tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate. Thank You!

Acolyte: Nicholas Griffin

Greeter: Rob & Leslie McMillan

***Affirmation of Faith**

“The Nicene Creed”

UMH 880

***Hymn of Praise**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH 593

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer – Silent Prayer—Congregational Prayer

*** Hymn of Preparation**

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

UMH 601

Scripture Reading

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 (p. 487)

Madge Venetta

The Word of God for the People of God: The People Respond “**Thanks Be to God!**”

Morning Message

“God Is Good!”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH 431

***Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve**

Postlude

Svetlana Martin

Prayer Requests: Larry Garcia; Gail Webb; Don Hofeldt; Penny Hardin's husband, Jim; Carol Ransdell; Ruby Macy; Madge Venetta's granddaughter, Arianna; Alma O'Hare; Josh Patterson; Larry Finnell; Margaret Bettolo; Mindy Sheckler's niece; Pat & Jack Norris; Patty Beatty; Patrice Noel; Debbie Sparby; Dennis Doncaster's sister, Sister Diana; Cathy Georgis' brother-in-law, Todd Ludeman; Anne Dunaway; Pastor Jim, and his uncle, Marshall, sister, Judy, and aunt, Mona; Rusty Dickson; Bill McGarvey; Tom McCutcheon; Mallory Rosetti Gardner; June Wittman; Fred & Isaac Wittman; Rhonda Wheeler; Renee Bustos' father, Bill Cogswell; Deanne Autry; Gene Lane; Keelan Schupman; Jackie Hansen; Karie Chrisawn's mother.

Prayer Request:

By:

Recommended for Devotional Readings:

Mar 18th – *Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33*

Mar 25th –

Liturgy of the Palms -- Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion -- Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15; 47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

A note from the Pastor:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus our Christ!

As we continue to move through the season of Lent, I would like for us to unpack something I have shared with you in various forms for the past few months in my articles. What I want to unpack is found in parts of the introduction above and ones like it I have used for the past few months. I think this will be a great way of touching on some of the most important and basic tenants of our Christian faith.

Let us move now to Jesus as our Lord. Once again, we have to shake off the worlds' views and definitions of Lord. It is likely that most of us when we hear that someone should be our lord or that we should treat someone as our lord, we cringe. I think that most of us would base our reactions in what we have learned, and maybe even witnessed, in human history or what happens when one person has absolute power and authority over another person or group. This isn't without justification as far as human history goes. In human terms it would be hard to find an example of a lord that didn't exploit their subjects for their own benefit. It is all of this and more that we as believers in Christ as Lord must lay aside.

You see, Jesus must be our Lord! In this there should be no fear or hesitation at all, but through trust and humility we need to accept Him as Lord. Why? Unlike world human lords, Jesus has literally laid down His life for all His subjects before they accepted Him as Lord. Quite a difference, isn't it? Just think of it. Jesus died for ALL persons that they may come to know Him as Savior and Lord! Not only did Jesus die for us, He also let us have the power of free will to accept Him or not. Jesus becomes our Lord only if we let Him do so. So why should we accept Him as Lord?

To be continued . . .

(*) Please Stand as you are able. **TFWS** is the smaller paperback and the **UMH** is the hardback song book.

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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Church office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Please call the office to ensure someone is here.

Remember donated items for the Boys & Girls Club are appreciated by UMW; see Mary Lou Jessen, Penni Harden, or Marj Schaefer.

General Information/Opportunities/Upcoming

Sunday School for Adults, 9:00 a.m. (*Live on Facebook, Rock Springs First United Methodist Church*)

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Church, during Service (*Following the Children's Time*)

Pastor's Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. till Noon. Other times by appointment, however, the Pastor is always available. Please call or text him. Please call before making a special trip.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you would like the Pastor to visit with your family, or someone else, please let him or the office know so it can be arranged.

By The Numbers

Attendance Last Sunday	37 Adults 4 Children
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,846.00
Generous Giving Last Sunday	\$ 1,917.00

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wednesday, Mar 15th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bible Study, "The Quest", (fifth session), 2149 Carson St.

Keep these dates on your calendar

Thursday, Mar 15, 7:15 a.m.

Thursday, Mar 15, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, Mar 29, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Mar 30, 5 – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Thursday, Apr 5, noon

Thursday, Apr 12, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Apr 12, to follow

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Prayer at the flagpole. RS High School

Live on Facebook, "Thursday's Theological Reflections"

Maundy Thursday Service (Communion)

Good Friday Open Table of Communion and Prayer

Sunrise Service (time TBA)

Men's Breakfast following Sunrise Service

Sunday School (Risen!) 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Women

Finance Meeting

Administrative Board Meeting

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Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 11, 2018: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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