

The weakness of God
is stronger than
human strength.

– 1 Corinthians 1:25b



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday after 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	Greeters: Rich & Daphne Palmer
* Call to Worship	"Affirmation"	UMH 887
*Hymn of Praise	"Were You There"	UMH 288
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		
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (p. 926)	Kay Womack
The Word of God for the People of God: The People Respond "Thanks Be to God!"		
Morning Message	"The Heart of the Message"	Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn
Response to the Word		
Holy Communion (During Communion we will sing One Bread One Body)		UMH 620
Invitation		UMH 12
The Great Thanksgiving		UMH 13
The Lords Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	"I Surrender All"	UMH 354
*Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve		
Postlude		Svetlana Martin

Prayer Requests: Larry Garica; Gail Webb; Don Hofeldt; Penny Hardin's husband, Jim; Carol Ransdell; Sylvia Fanelli; 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 11th – Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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

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 me begin our unpacking with the two-word phrase "our Lord."

LAST WEEK: Of course, we will begin with the word "our."

When we say that Jesus is "our" Lord we are making quite a huge faith claim. It is a statement that is both singular and plural at the same time. When as an individual we make this statement, we are confessing that we are, as an individual, part of something greater than the sum of ourselves. We are confessing that WE ARE individually part and also part with others as part of the larger faith community. The Community who believe in Jesus as "the way, the truth, and the life" the only way to God.

THIS WEEK: The next word to unpack is "Lord"

Like the word our, it is also a profession of faith, an acknowledgement of who Jesus is or at least should be in our personal relationship with Him. We will address the word Savior next week or the week following, but for now the two words should be looked at with Lord coming first. To say that Jesus is Lord is to say that we are subject to His will for our lives. This is quite a statement to make. However, Jesus cannot be just savior. Our acceptance of Jesus as savior must be accompanied with our acceptance of Him as Lord. You see placing ourselves in the position of subjects of Jesus as Lord brings with it more than our modern minds might conjure up. In our modern interpretation we often have a negative thought of someone being Lord over us. It seems HUMAN history and HUMAN relationships where one was subject to someone as being Lord over them didn't always go so well.

Here is where we have to clear our minds of the things of this world and put aside the baggage we bring to our relationship with Jesus. You see, if we aren't very careful, we will put on Jesus HUMAN traits and not divine traits. While Jesus was fully human He was and is fully divine. Accepting Jesus as savior must also include accepting Jesus as Lord.

Here we have nothing to fear with Jesus as Lord for He is a loving forgiving Lord who never asks of us more than we can (with His help) accomplish. I guess more on this next week as it seems I am out of space for this one.

(*) 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 47 Adults 3 Children

Weekly Budget \$ 2,846.00

Generous Giving Last Sunday \$ 637.00

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wednesday, Mar 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bible Study, "The Quest", (fourth session), 2149 Carson St.

Keep these dates on your calendar

Thursday, Mar 8, 7:15 a.m.

Prayer at the flagpole, RS High School

Thursday, Mar 8, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Meeting

Thursday, Mar 8, to follow

Administrative Board Meeting

Sunday, Mar 11

Daylight Savings Begins

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

Maundy Thursday Service (Communion)

Friday, Mar 30, 5 – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Open Table of Communion and Prayer

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service (Time TBA)

Men's Breakfast (following Sunrise Service until Worship Service)

Sunday School – *Risen*

United Methodist Women

Thursday, Apr 5, noon

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Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent, March 4, 2018: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:1-14;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

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