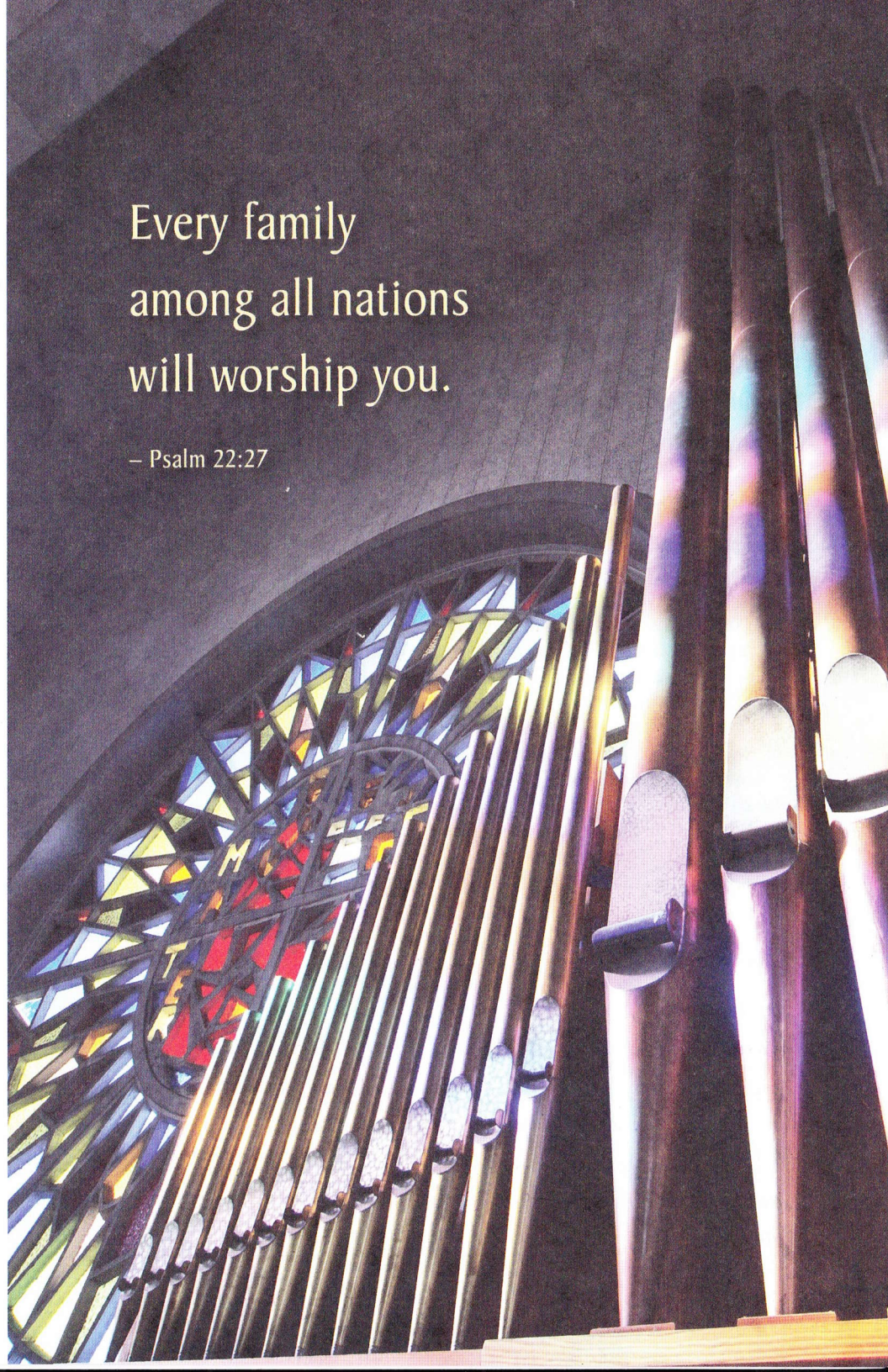


Every family
among all nations
will worship you.

— Psalm 22:27



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, February 25, 2018 – Second 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: Cherie Rannells

***Affirmation of Faith**

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

***Hymn of Praise**

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

UMH 365

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**

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

UMH 352

Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25 (p. 916)

Cherie Rannells

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

Morning Message

“Faith and Grace”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

“Because He Lives”

UMH 364

***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 4th – Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Mar 11th – Numbers 21:409; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

A note from the Pastor:

Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus!

This week saw the passing of the great evangelist Billy Graham at the age of 99. I met Billy on several occasions as we did construction of his campus of The Training Center at The Cove in North Carolina. He was always a gentle man and one could feel God's hand on him when in his presence. He will be deeply missed and so many can recall giving their life to Christ under his preaching and teaching. Thanks be to God for this gentle servant!

Well here we are in the season of Lent. It has finally turned winter in our part of the country. It's hard to believe that Easter is not very far away and coming fast. Lent? What is Lent anyway? It is strange as I think about this just how many Christian faith communities don't observe Lent. Sure, they celebrate Easter, but not Lent. How can we really fully experience Easter without Lent? Lent is about looking within in light of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and evaluating our faith journey. Remembering that by grace we are saved and not by works. Lent gives us times like Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Palm Sunday. How can we just jump to the Easter resurrection! However, we should remember that if there is no cross, no crucifixion, no death, no burial then there would be no resurrection!

May we not so quickly jump to the resurrection and ignore, trivialize, or just skip over the significance of the season of Lent as a time to reflect and remember the cost of our salvation. It was love that held Jesus to the cross not nails. It was His love for us and in His love, we know salvation.

Grace amazing marvelous grace!

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

Share the Message! The Pastor's Message is recorded on CD's every Sunday. They are available free of Charge and *can be found in the Narthex, and at the website: www.rockspringsumc.org. You are welcome to take one.*

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Lay Leader: Kathy Ellis

Nursery Attendant(s): Nicole France & Lauren Mayer

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	55 Adults 5 Children
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,846.00
Generous Giving Last Sunday	\$ 1,691.00

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wednesday, Feb 28 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bible Study, "The Quest", (third session), 2149 Carson St.

Keep these dates on your calendar

Thursday, Mar 1, 7:15 a.m.

Thursday, Mar 1, noon

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

Thursday, Mar 8, to follow

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

Friday, Mar 30, 5 – 7:00 p.m.

Prayer at the flagpole, RS High School

United Methodist Women

Finance Meeting

Administrative Board Meeting

Maundy Thursday Service (Communion)

Good Friday Open Table of Communion and Prayer

Coffee Hour Clean Up

Volunteer Needed

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Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent, February 25, 2018: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;
Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

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