

Whoever serves me must follow me.

— John 12:26a



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 18, 2018 –Fifth 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: Nicholas Griffin

***Psalter**

“Psalm 51:1-17”

UMH 785 & 786

***Hymn of Praise**

“Are Ye Able”

UMH 530

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**

“Near to the Heart of God”

UMH 472

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:1-12 (p. 452)

Linda Prine

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

Morning Message

“Have Mercy”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140

***Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve**

Postlude

Svetlana Martin

Prayer Requests: Becky Morrison; 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 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)

Apr 1st – Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 1:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

A note from the Pastor:

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

Let us return to where we left off last week.

Jesus becomes our Lord only if we let Him do so. So why should we accept Him as Lord?

In order to accept Jesus as Lord we must see Him as a very different kind of Lord as compared to what may be our idea of lord. As I mentioned last week, Jesus “offers” or makes His Lordship available for us to decide to accept or reject. Jesus says in scripture “behold I stand at the door and knock.” Note here He knocks or in other words He makes Himself available to be invited in or accepted. In our world it seems history has taught us that as people become lords, it seems the more power they get, the more power they assume. For Jesus, He offers to be our Lord out of humility not power or position. He offers to be our Lord for our own good, wellbeing, joy, and peace, not out of His self-gain. You see, with Jesus as Lord our lives are changed and the purpose of our lives becomes one of living in love and peace and not merely existing and going through the motions.

You see, Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd, but He is also the Good Lord. Yes, He challenges us to grow in our relationship with Him and in our mission and ministry, but He never asks us to do any of this on our own or as lone rangers. Earthly lords don't usually want personal relationships with their subjects and they usually do not offer to get their hands dirty in helping their subjects with the tasks they are given.

So why should we accept Jesus as both our Savior and 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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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	59 Adults 6 Children
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,846.00
Generous Giving Last Sunday	\$ 1,822.00

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

Keep these dates on your calendar

Thursday, Mar 22, 7:15 a.m.

Thursday, Mar 22, 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, 7:10 a.m.

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 Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18, 2018: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12;
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

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