

A photograph of a starry night sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible, reflected in a body of water. The sky is dark with numerous stars and the bright, hazy band of the Milky Way stretching across it. The water in the foreground is calm, creating a clear reflection of the stars and the galaxy above. The horizon is visible in the distance, with some faint lights and structures. The overall scene is serene and majestic, emphasizing the vastness of the universe.

Look up at the sky and count the stars  
if you think you can count them.

– Genesis 15:5



# First United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday in Lent

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

## Faith Theme 2019

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

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**Prelude**

Svetlana Martin  
Cherie Rannells, Flute

**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 "Turbo" Griffin*

**\*Call to Worship**

"The Prayer of Saint Francis"

UMH 481

**\*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**

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 (p.955)

Karie Chrisawn

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

**Morning Message**

"Sorrow and Compassion"

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH 557

**\*Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve**

**Postlude**

Svetlana Martin

*Greetings from Pastor Jim and the rest of the congregation here at Rock Springs Church!*

*This greeting is for all who have joined us for worship here this morning. As we come together to worship this morning we meet on common ground, Jesus our Christ! We come with joys and concerns, we come from successes and failures, we come from temptations and victories, we come broken and whole, we come with worries and answered prayers, and so we come to common ground in Christ Jesus. Welcome to this place for all!*

**Prayer Requests:** Joan Henna; Ceiann Dale; Margo Clark; Denny Demarto; Nick & Donna Bedard; Pat Norris; Dennis Doncaster's sister, Sister Diana; Duane Allen; Alex Marschalk; Larry Milligan; Virginia Wittman; Karie Chrisawn; Margaret & Bob Bettolo; Crystal; Nancy DeBernardi; Linda DeBernardi; Norman Johnson; Raif Nettik; Joel Barbour; Becky Morrison; Gail Webb; Don Hofeldt; Penny Hardin's husband, Jim; Ruby Macy; Madge Venetta's granddaughter, Arianna; Alma O'Hare; Josh Patterson; Larry Finnell; Patrice Noel; Debbie Sparby;; Cathy Georgis' brother-in-law, Todd Ludeman; Pastor Jim, and his uncle, Marshall, sister, Judy, & aunt, Mona; Rusty Dickson; Bill McGarvey; Tom McCutcheon; Mallory Rosetti Gardner; June Wittman; Fred & Isaac Wittman; Rhonda Wheeler; Renee Bustos' father, Bill Cogswell; Gene Lane; Keelan Schupman; Jackie Hansen.

Prayer Request:

By:

**Recommended for Devotional Readings: (Underlined texts are the sermon texts)**

*Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalms 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9*

*Mar 31<sup>st</sup> – Joshua 5:9-12; Psalms 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

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***Minister: All Who Worship Here***

***Pastor: Rev. Jimmy R. Chrisawn***

***Christian Education: Karie Chrisawn***

***Lay Leader: Kathy Ellis***

***Nursery Attendant(s): 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 there.***

**(\*) 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](http://www.rockspringsumc.org). You are welcome to take one.**

## General Information/Upcoming Opportunities

**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:** Mondays & Wednesdays, 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** 39 Adults, 1 Child

**Weekly Budget** \$ 2,890.00

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup> Generous Undesignated Giving** \$ 736.00

### LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wednesday, Mar 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study at the Parsonage

### Facebook Schedule

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.

Saturdays, (around) 5:00 p.m.

Adult Sunday School

"Reflections & Lessons"

"Saturday Live"

### Upcoming dates for your calendar

**Today, Mar 17, after worship service**

Wednesday, Mar 20, 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Apr 4, noon

Thursday, Apr 11, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Apr 11, to follow

**Post General Conference Information Session**

Music Practice

Coffee with the Pastor at the Coal Train Coffee Depot  
(He's buying!)

UMW Meeting

Finance Meeting

Administrative Board Meeting

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