



North Rose United Methodist Church

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We Gather for Worship

Sunday, March 5, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

The season of Lent asks us to reflect on our common life in church and society from the perspective of our baptismal covenant and to repent of our failure to live up to it, “since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

At the asterisk (), all who are able are invited to stand.*

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the greeters.

Please pass the Fellowship Folders to those seated next to you.

PRELUDE, “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32:8

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”

* HYMN OF PRAISE 347, “Spirit Song”

PRESENTATION OF PRAYER BOX BY THE CHILDREN

SILENT PRAYER; OPENING PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

(Afterwards, kids age 3 through grade 5 are welcome to go to J4J.)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Hear God's Word

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your word.

Silence in us any voice but your own,

that hearing, we may also obey your will. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

First Lesson, Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Pew Bible, p. 2

The Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible, p. 837

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 269,

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

MESSAGE, “Choices in the Wilderness”

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 378, “Amazing Grace”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God: We confess that we have sinned against you in

thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY, "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

Sewell

* SONG OF PRAISE (Doxology)

from Hymn 296

Unto God be praise and glory; to the Father and the Son, to th'eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done; praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal, p. 15

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

All Christians and their children are welcome at the Lord's Table. We do not refuse any who desire to be served. Gluten-free elements are available to those who ask.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God: We give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* PARTING HYMN 664, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

* BLESSING

In need of prayer? — Following the blessing, you are invited to kneel at the chancel rail — on the lectern side if you wish to pray with a pastor, or on the pulpit side if you wish to pray alone. Anointing is available for those who request it.



"The only true voyage of discovery," Proust wrote, "would not be to visit strange lands but to possess other eyes."

The voyage begins tomorrow, March 6, at 7:00 p.m., when Pastor Rich leads Adults on a Spiritual Quest (ASQ), a Lenten

experience for adult spiritual adventurers who seek the abundant life Jesus promised. Each session builds on the one before, so you will get the most out of the series if you attend all six sessions. The group will meet in fellowship hall.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Brian & Marcia Tomer; Charlie & Linda Tompkins; Rachel Tompkins; Jonathan & Mandi Tompkins, Lydia.

Daylight Savings Time Begins Saturday Night, March 11! Once again this year, Daylight Savings Time will begin early in March! This Saturday night, March 11, set your clocks ahead one hour! Then, you'll be ready for church on time on Sunday morning, March 12.

The March 2017 Church Calendar and Church Newsletter can be found on the back table in the sanctuary. Feel free to take one home to share with a friend.

Information about church camp at Casowasco is now available on-line, and registration is open (<http://campsandretreats.org/summer-camp-2017>). There are a wide range of exciting camp opportunities for children age 6 and up. Note that popular camps fill up quickly, so plan to get your reservation in early. Printed brochures are available on the back table in the sanctuary.

Altar Flowers add beauty to our worship services. If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please add your name to the sign-up list by the church office. We can order flowers for the altar vases from *The Flower Mill* for a donation of \$25, or you can arrange on your own for flowers to be delivered.

We have a prayer box on the small table in the back of the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to write prayer needs on a slip of paper and place them in the box. This prayer box is laid on the altar each Sunday. Pastor Rich takes the prayer requests home and continues to pray for these needs during the coming week. However, if you wish to keep your request known to God alone, just write “private” on the front, and Pastor Rich will not read it.

Heating Season: If you are in charge of an activity at the church, please make sure all interior doors & windows are closed when you leave, and that there is nothing blocking the heat registers. Also, it helps if you check to make sure all lights are off and there is no water left running. Thank you!

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Adult Spiritual Quest

Tuesday – 1:00-4:00 p.m. Cards & Games

?6:30 p.m. Trustees

Thursday – 1:30 p.m. UMWomen (chapel room)

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal

Saturday – *Daylight Savings Time begins, set clocks ahead one- hour tonight*

Sun. March 12 – Second Sunday in Lent

9:15 a.m. Adult/Youth Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship: “A Promised Land”

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

J4J Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Sharon Miner

Mon. March 13 – 7:00 p.m. Adult Spiritual Quest

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Pastor: The Rev. Rich Neal

Assistant Pastor: The Rev. Diane Walker

Secretary: Mary Anjo

Office Assistant: Melissa Taber

Accompanist: Kim Dobbin

Organist: Jan McDorman

Chancel & Bell Choir Director: Lucy Smith

Winter Chancel/J4J Choir Director: Lucinda Collier

Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson

Praise Music: Ken & Kim Dobbin

Head Usher: TBA

Greeter: Rachel Tompkins

Announcements: Mary Anjo

Lay Reader: Patti Bowen

Sound: *Position vacant*

Projection: *Position vacant*

Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker

Custodian: Lois Loveless

Visiting Ministry Coordinator: Ann Stevens

Counters: Chris Galek, Dolly Salerno

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For pastoral emergencies, contact Interim Pastor Rich Neal by cell phone, 716-984-3541, or by email at richneal@together.net.

\$3,262.00 Last Sunday's receipts for our operating budget

\$3,611.21 Average weekly receipts needed

72 Last Sunday's attendance