

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2009

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

WE GATHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST!

QUIET MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Lenten Meditation" - Robert W. Thygerson

INTROIT (9:30)

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Alleluia Choir

INTROIT (11:00)

"As the Deer"

Kathy Nortman

INGATHERING (Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Announcements, Mission Moment, Greeting)

*HYMN No. 110

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give to the Lord the glory due God's name.

P: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

P: The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful

P: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: Let us lift our voices in praise to the God of glory, strength and peace.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, we recognize that in this gathering of people, in a place like this, in times like these, there are those who are wounded, who are hurting and who are struggling with hopelessness. Lord Jesus, as you touched the hurting and healed the wounded, we pray that you would touch and heal us today. We pray for your healing of physical needs. We pray for your healing in emotional and spiritual brokenness. We beg your healing touch on fractured relationships. Mostly, though, we pray for faith... faith to wait and faith to stand up under the deeper hurt that often comes with your healing. Give us faith to trust your healing. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

ANTHEM (9:30)

"City of God"

Alleluia Choir

ANTHEM (11:00)

"A Rose in the Valley"

Chancel Choir

WE HONOR AND GLORIFY THE LORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY (9:30)

"A Rose in the Valley"

Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY (8:00 & 11:00)

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence" - Marc Jordan

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN No. 171

"There's Something About That Name"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Praise be to God.

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And with your spirit.

SERMON

"Three for One"

Dr. Hall,

Rev. Moore-Krackhardt, Rev. Hart

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*HYMN NO. 157

"Jesus Shall Reign"

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

*People standing, if able

Dr. Hall's Scripture for next week is: Ephesians 2:1-10

Welcome to Our Visitors

Please take a visitors' name tag from the pew and wear it so we can welcome you. As you leave, pick up a purple visitors' bag, located by the sanctuary doors, of information about our church. Please join us after the service for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Information for our church family and guests

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, SOUND ENHANCEMENT DEVICES, FOOT STOOLS,** and **CHILDREN'S QUIET ACTIVITY BAGS** are available from the ushers.
- **ELEVATORS** to all 3 levels are located near the front side and back doors of the church.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING** is available in the front, side, and rear parking lots.
- **SILENT PAGERS** are available for parents who have infants/toddlers in the nursery.
- **TO CONTACT US:** 604 Oswego St., Liverpool, NY • 457-5180 • liverpoolfirstumc.org

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Rick Minsker** by **Carol Minsker and family.**

For our service of worship

WORSHIP LEADERS: 8:00 Ken Jackson; 9:30 Rev. Hart; 11:00 Rev. Moore-Krackhardt

CHOIR DIRECTOR: James Welsch

ORGANIST: Nancy Harp

ACOLYTE: 9:30 Matthew Sorensen

GREETERS: 8:00 David & Margaret Henes; 9:30 Ron Peckham; 11:00 Kim Vaughn

This week at Liverpool First

- TODAY:** 8:00 AM Early Worship
9:30 & 11:00 AM Morning Worship
9:30 AM Nursery Care for infants & Sunday School for ages three to 12th grade
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Confirmation Class
6:00 PM New Member Orientation
6:30 PM Alleluia Choir
- MONDAY:** 12:30 PM Senior Nutrition Luncheon
3:00 PM Prayer Partners
7:00 PM Administrative Council
- TUESDAY:** 10:00 AM Quilting Group
1:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study
7:00 PM Dr. Hall's Bible Study
7:00 PM Girl's Bible Study
- WEDNESDAY:** Noon - Senior Fellowship Luncheon
6:30 PM Parent discussion group
6:30 PM Spirit Singers
7:00 PM Children's Bell Choir
7:00 PM Disciple 1 class
7:45 PM Sr. High / Adult Bell Choir
- THURSDAY:** 4:30-6:30 Roast Beef Dinner
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- FRIDAY:** 5:30 PM Praise Band
7:00 PM LIFE Youth Ministry

THIRD Sunday in Lent



LIVERPOOL FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Russell C. Hall
Rev. Penny Hart
Rev. Shirley Moore-Krackhardt

Milton T. Jefferson
Pastor Emeritus



What's Up Downstairs?

News of Our Sunday Morning Christian Education Program

This Week—The Bible lesson this week tells our children that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples before serving the Passover meal. In this way, our Lord was both host and servant. Peter misunderstood, thinking that the water was a purification rite, but the washing of feet was a symbol of the relationship Jesus wanted his disciples to have with one another and with people of the world. (John 13: 14, 15)

Preparing for Easter—Cloves will be placed in the students' sachet bags (made by Mary Nichols) this week. Added to the potpourri, this spice is a symbol of our resolve to resist temptation. The sharp scent will remind students of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. In preparation for an Easter morning procession, students are learning to sing the "Honduran Alleluia," and will add rhythm instruments to the singing this week. In some of the classes, children will create "rain sticks" filled with rice; they will shake the sticks to add an interesting sound to the song.

Volunteer for Contact

Contact Community Services needs volunteers to staff its hotline. Free training provides the skills to respond to callers facing a wide range of problems. Volunteers are asked to cover two 4 hour shifts each month. Training begins March 24. For more info., call 251-1400 ext. 104 or visit www.contactsyracuse.org

Easter Altar Flowers

We invite you to honor your loved ones by purchasing flowers to decorate our altar on Easter Sunday. By purchasing plants together, we can provide beautiful plants at the best possible price. Lilies are \$8 and Azaleas are \$11 each. Please return this form with payment by March 31. A list of honored loved ones will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you for helping to provide a beautiful altar to celebrate Easter.

Easter Flower Order Form

Please order: _____ Lilies for \$8 each _____ Azaleas for \$11 each

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Phone #: _____



Joyful Noise Next Sunday

We are privileged to showcase some of the talented students from the Setnor School of Music at Syracuse University next Sunday. Two groups that are coordinated and directed by James O. Welsch will perform: the Setnor Brass Choir, which he founded as a grassroots project at the university this year, and the Setnor New Music Ensemble. The concert is at 4 p.m. Please plan to attend and show these young artists how much we value their talent and appreciate their contribution to our series.

Compline March 29

The quiet, contemplative service of Compline is offered at 8 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. Particularly appropriate as a time of spiritual renewal during Lent, it is a service of prayer and supplication, praising God for the blessings of the day and seeking peace and rest for the night ahead. Worshippers enter the candle-lit sanctuary in silence and remain silent throughout as a choir and cantor offer scripture, prayers and responses.

French toast breakfast, March 29

The Red Bird Mission team will serve a French toast breakfast on March 29. The menu will consist of French toast, sausage, orange juice and coffee. A free-will offering will be taken at the door. Serving will be 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Dr. Hall's Lenten Bible Study

Faith, Doubt, and Courage: In 15 Great People of Faith based upon: John Tyson's Book,

- 3/17/09 Session #3 St. Augustine
Read Scripture: Romans 8:1-11
Read Chapter 3 in Tyson's book
- 3/24/09 Session #4 John Calvin
Read Scripture: Romans 8:18-30
Read Chapter 10 in Tyson's book
- 3/31/09 Session #5 Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Read Scripture: Matthew 16:24-38
Read Chapter 13 in Tyson's book
- 4/7/09 Session #6 Martin Luther
Read Scripture: Romans 5:1-11
Read Chapter 9 in Tyson's book

Gifts for animals in shelters

Please help our Sunday School children collect food and supplies for the Humane Society and Kitty Corner of CNY, two local shelters. These shelters are challenged by diminishing financial support. Please take a list of needed supplies from the table in the hallway outside fellowship hall. Those who would like to make monetary donations may use an envelope from the pew. Please mark the envelope "for animal shelter" and place it in the offering. See Erin VanMarter for information.



New Member Orientation – tonight at 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining this congregation is invited to attend the New Member Orientation session March 15 at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Lounge. Learn about the activities and programs available at Liverpool First UMC, meet other new people, and prepare for the reception into the congregation, which will take place during the 9:30 a.m. service on March 22. See Dr. Hall or Pastor Shirley if you would like more information.

Lenten and Holy Week Music

All our choirs are preparing music to enrich our spiritual journey through Lent and Holy Week and to enhance worship services for the joyful celebration of Easter. In addition to offering special music each Sunday during Lent, the choirs will bring a combined presentation of vocal, bell and instrumental music to the Palm Sunday worship services. The Chancel Choir will lead a Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday as we gather as a church family to observe the Last Supper. Through this service of shadows, we will remember the sorrowful events that lead our Lord to the cross and the darkness that preceded the glorious light of the resurrection. On Good Friday, at 7 p.m., Director of Music Ministries James Welsch will conduct a combined adult choir at Plymouth Congregational UCC in the presentation of Gabriel Faure's "Requiem." This deeply spiritual piece reflects the composer's personal choice of texts that emphasize assurances of rest and peace for the soul. It will be presented in the manner of the original, accompanied by organ with a small chamber orchestra.

Our Chancel Choir will be joined by vocalists from Plymouth United Church of Christ, the First Unitarian Universalist Society, and University United Methodist Church.



In the hospital as of Friday: Bob Henning is at Strong Memorial in Rochester.

Returning home during the past week: Pam Mackie

Parents: It's Back!!

Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for a supportive discussion on parenting. We will support each other, working together to learn what it means to be Christian parent in a challenging world. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Toukatly at 457-6613 or at toukatly@msn.com.



Senior Fellowship Luncheon - March 18

This group meets at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Come along on a visual trip to Hong Kong and Bangkok with Dave and Shirley Smith. They will share their pictures and insights from a two week adventure to the Far East to visit their son and his family.

Purple Wheels

Do you know someone who could benefit by riding our bus to and from the 9:30 church service? We will bring passengers from home to church and back. They must be able to walk with or without a cane, crutches or walker (no wheelchairs or power chairs, as yet). Donations for gas and upkeep are always appreciated.



Roast Beef dinner

March 19 - 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and beverage. Takeouts available. Adults - \$8.00; Seniors - \$7.50; Children (6 to 12 Yrs.) - \$5.00; Children (5 and under) - FREE; Family of four and over - \$30.00

Olivebranch

Olivebranch meets March 23rd with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00. (\$5) Dinner reservations will be accepted no later than Sunday, March 22nd. Danya Wellmon of Women Transcending Boundaries, which began over a cup of coffee shortly after September 11, 2001, will give us an insight into their organization of women of many faiths and cultures. All are welcome. Turn in the tear-off to the office or call Pat Cupernall 457-6730.

Name _____ Phone _____