

5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2009

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

WE GATHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST!

QUIET MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Jesus, Dear Savior" - Rex Khoury

INTROIT (9:30 & 11:00)

"Prelude and Dance" Sr. High/Adult Handbell Choir

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

*HYMN No. 103

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has set his rainbow in the skies, as a reminder of his steadfast love.

P: God's love endures forever.

L: God has promised to measure his justice with his grace.

P: Grant us grace to believe in your goodness.

L: The Lord spoke, the earth shook and the skies were ripped open.

P: Grant us faith to trust you, even in your anger.

L: The Lord is King. The Lord is Judge. The Lord is good.

P: God's faithful love endures forever.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord!

P: God's faithful love endures forever.

*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

Holy and redeeming God, as Moses lifted high the serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus was also lifted up for the salvation of the world. We thank you for this season of Lent during which we remember anew your loving and redeeming acts toward us. We thank you for your ongoing creative energy in the world; for bestowing upon us gifts through which we may participate in your life and work; for enabling us through the power of the Holy Spirit to carry on the message and ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ. We ask that in these moments of worship, you will speak to us and impart again the word which we most need to hear, so that we may respond to you with love and faithfulness. 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

VOCAL SOLO (8:00)

"A Rose in the Valley"

Sharon Hartman

ANTHEM (9:30 & 11:00)

"The Rose of Calvary"

Chancel Choir

WE HONOR AND GLORIFY THE LORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

"Song of Solitude" - Frederic Chopin

*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. 174

"His Name Is Wonderful"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

"The Best Wish"

Dr. Hall

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*HYMN No. 140

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*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

"The Joy of the Lord" - Gregg Sewell

***People standing, if able**

Dr. Hall's Scripture for next week is: Mark 11:1-11

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

For our service of worship

WORSHIP LEADERS: 8:00 Sharon Hartman; 9:30 Rev. Hart; 11:00 Rev. Moore-Krackhardt

CHOIR DIRECTOR: James Welsch & Kirstin King

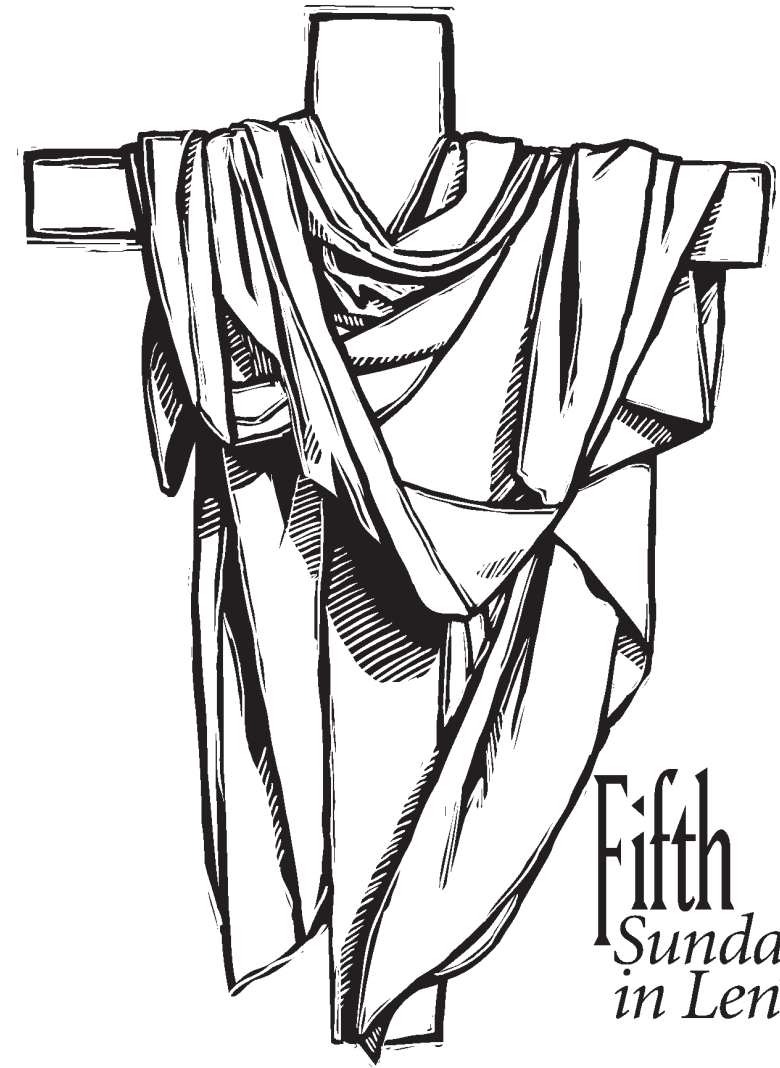
ORGANIST: Nancy Harp

ACOLYTE: 9:30 Matthew Sorensen

GREETERS: 8:00 David & Margaret Henes; 9:30 Wendy Contos & Karen Ladd; 11:00 Kim Vaughn

This week at Liverpool First

- TODAY:** 7:30-11:00 AM French Toast breakfast
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
6:30 PM Alleluia Choir
8:00 PM Compline Service
- MONDAY:** 12:30 PM Senior Nutrition Luncheon
3:00 PM Prayer Partners
- 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:** 12:30 PM Hickory / Willow Circle
6:30 PM Evangelism Commission
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:** 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- FRIDAY:** 5:00-6:30 PM Fish Dinner
5:30 PM Praise Band
7:00 PM LIFE Youth Ministry



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—"Feed my sheep," the risen Jesus said to Peter. In our Bible lesson this week, we will understand that Jesus was asking Peter, and by extension, all followers, to care for one another. We learn that Jesus forgave Peter even though Peter denied him three times. And we learn to love all people just as Jesus did as we follow Jesus's example and word.

Adult Helpers—Adult helpers are needed in teaching and other Sunday morning roles. Anyone interested may speak to Sue Andrews, Erin Van Marter or Linda Loomis, volunteer interim Christian education director.

Lent—Cilantro, a bitter herb, will be added to the students' spice bags this week to signify betrayal.

After Palm Sunday Service—Parents are asked to remain in the sanctuary for just a few minutes after the 9:30 service next week. Teachers and helpers will bring students upstairs to practice their Easter procession. This will take approximately 10 minutes.

Easter—During Sunday School assembly time recently, the students have learned the "Honduran Alleluia," and this week they will add rhythm instruments to the song. They will process, singing the joyful praise song, on Easter at the 9:30 a.m. service.



2009 White Ribbon Campaign

The White Ribbon Campaign is held annually to support Vera House in its efforts to raise awareness about domestic violence. There are white ribbons available at the altar rail. You may leave a donation and take a ribbon to let everyone know that you support this effort.

PowerPoint video presentations

Joe Karins who has been developing and running the PowerPoint video presentations used during the Sunday morning services, is leaving the area. We want to thank Joe for all the effort he put forth to help us apply this new technology to our worship. With Joe leaving, however, a replacement is needed for this position that pays \$25/week. For anyone in the congregation who might be interested, a copy of the position guide may be obtained from Martha Miller.

United Methodist Men to meet on April 4th

Breakfast at 8:00 followed by a program on the Syracuse Salvation Army led by Nancy Kronen. All men are welcome. Please let Martha know if you plan on attending.

French toast breakfast this morning

The Red Bird Mission team will serve a French toast breakfast on today. 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.

Compline Service tonight

Please join us in quiet worship at 8 p.m. tonight. Director of Music Ministries James O. Welsch, cantor, leads the service with an ecumenical choir as those in the congregation worship in silence. Compline, which in Latin means "completion of the day," is a service of praise and invocation of God's blessings for a restful sleep. Gather in the candle-lit sanctuary as the choir chants, sings and rings bells from the balcony.



Lenten Special Music Event

Gabriel Faure's Requiem will be presented at 7 p.m. April 10 at Plymouth Congregational UCC, 232 W. Onondaga St. (free parking on street and in garage beneath church). Director of Music Ministries James O. Welsch will conduct our Chancel Choir along with a combined choir from three other churches, an orchestra and soloists. Please call the church office to reserve a seat for transportation on the church bus.

In the hospital as of Friday: Willard Bahn at St. Joseph's

Returning home during the past week: Ruth Peckham

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 #: _____