

Bulletin for February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Please be advised:
Pastor Rolland's
cell phone number is:
(815) 718-3022.

Also, Rolland's work e-mail
address is now:

Rev.Rhay@gmail.com

Worship Service is Live via Zoom.
The Link , Meeting ID and Passcode are
attached with the bulletin each week.

1st
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Jubilee Soup Kitchen Mission

RUMC is scheduled to serve meals for the Soup Kitchen on March 6 and September 18, 2021. Due to Covid19 limitations imposed by the health department, we will be providing lunches via brown bags again (at least in March).

Since the foods included make most food donations ineffective, we are asking for four things: commercially made cookies, bottles of water, monetary donations, and/or notes of encouragement. The plan is to put a note of understanding, prayer, or support in each of the 70 lunch bags we will prepare.

I also need one or two more people on the Sat. morning to assist in food prep and packing starting at 9:30 a.m. We will need to have the cookie and water donations at the church no later than Friday, March 5. Contact Donna Chambers at (815) 904-4616 if you have questions/concerns.

A big thank you from the Missions committee for any help you can provide!



LET US PRAY FOR...

Charlie C.
Darin D.
Derek P.
David D.
Rose L.
Sandy S.
Betty H.
Melanie M.



THE FAMILIES OF...(DECEASED):

Jerry H.
Linda S.
Peter "Cody" M.

Please e-mail your prayer requests by Thursday if possible, so we can keep the prayer list as up to date!
Thank you.

ROCKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Order of Worship — First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021

GATHERING/PRELUDE

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Source: Based on Psalm 147)

*Leader: Welcome to the covenant renewal,
The God of our Salvation greet us here..*

**People: We are reminded of God's promises to us.
We remember the promises we have made.**

*Leader: Sense the Spirit descending on us now.
Hear the welcoming voice of God..*

**People: Surely God is with us.
We can hear God is calling our name.**

Leader: All creatures proclaim the wonders of God.

People: We come together to learn what God wants to teach us.

PASSING THE PEACE

Say "Hello" in Zoom

*Pastor: The light and hope of Christ lives in each of us.
The peace of Christ be with you always.*

People: And also with you.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

TUMH #61

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing.
Help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword.
Scatter thy foes, let thine almighty aid, our sure defense be made,
Our souls on thee be stayed; thy wonders show.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear.
In this glad hour, thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart.
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence evermore, His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity, love and adore.

INVOCATION

Gracious and merciful God, we return to you with hearts that long for healing and minds that seek healing and meaning for our days. Examine us and lead us in your truth. We want to grow in the likeness of Jesus, to learn the ways that are acceptable to you. We are here to respond to your instruction and let not any distraction separate us from you and with one another, not only at this time of worship but also in the days ahead. **Amen**

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

*SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

Genesis 9:8-17

New Testament

Mark 1:9-15

***Response:** **“Thy Word Is a Lamp”** *(Refrain Only)* TUMH#601
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path

MEDITATION **“Abstinence Is Not Just a Word”** Pastor Rolland Hayag

OFFERATORY INVITATION

Pastor

Through our generosity, we support the mission of our church. It can make difference in the lives of people that we reach out. Let us give from our hearts, in deep thanksgiving.

OFFERING ***Hymns Response** *“Give Thanks with Grateful Hearts”*
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks.

*OFFERATORY PRAYER

Pastor

***CLOSING HYMN** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” TUMH #451
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

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Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest.
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness.
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor

HYMN: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" TUMH#673
(1st Stanza only)

God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels' guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENT

—From Dave Hilton, UMM Rockford District President (dvohilton@yahoo.com)

The District UMM is hosting a communion Service March 13, 2021. This service will be held at Grace UMC (3555 McFarland Road, Rockford)—both live from their website Grace-UmcRockford.org and in-person in the Sanctuary. Our guest speaker will be Gil Hanke.

Mr. Hanke serves as general secretary of the General Commission on United Methodist Men. He will be speaking on "Why Men's work is Important." I am enclosing a Flyer to be put up in your churches or please pass this on to the appropriate person. Thank you!
