



Lent

"He fasted for forty days
and forty nights..."



Viroqua UMC
221 S. Center Ave.
Viroqua, WI 54665

**Viroqua &
Liberty Pole
United Methodist
Churches**



Liberty Pole UMC
S6759 Hwy. 27
Viroqua, WI 54665

1st Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016

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Liberty Pole UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 9:00 A.M. Viroqua UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics.

**Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE **“BE NOW THY VISION”** ARR. BY: WILBUR HELD (V)
(A time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.)

INTROIT **“JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS”** (1st verse) **UMH No. 301**

WELCOMING WORDS
(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE** **“ROCK OF AGES”** **UMH No. 361**

****CALL TO WORSHIP** **PSALM 91:1-16** **UMH No. 810**

****OPENING LITANY/CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (SEE INSERT)**

CHILDREN’S TIME
(CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL)

SPECIAL MUSIC VUMC-CHOIR **“WITHIN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS”**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **EXODUS 30:30-33** **PEW BIBLE NO. 101**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **1 SAMUEL 16:11-13** **PEW BIBLE NO. 344**

***HYMN** **“HE TOUCHED ME”** **UMH No. 367**

****GOSPEL** **MARK 14:1-9** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1216**

L: *THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.*
P: *THANKS BE TO GOD.*

SERMON **“MARY A BROKEN VESSEL, GAVE IT ALL”**

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER **UMH No. 895**

L: Lord, in your mercy,
P: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

OFFERING **“VIOLIN SONATA”** BY: LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN (V)

****DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN** **“HELP US TO ACCEPT EACH OTHER”** **UMH No. 560**

****BENEDICTION**

Out of his great love for his creation, the Father sent his Son Jesus to offer himself as the perfect sacrifice, a fragrant offering for your sake. Now, God’s Holy Spirit brings the grace of that sacrifice to you and through you works to bring it to others. Go in the wonderful fragrance of God’s grace and peace. *Amen.*

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **“GIVE TO THE WINDS”** (VERSE 2) **UMH No. 129**

POSTLUDE **“FUGUE”** BY: ABRAHAM VAN DEN KERCKHOVEN (V)

The Viroqua and Liberty Pole Bulletins and the WVRQ radio broadcast are given in honor of Christian and Sheila’s 36th Wedding Anniversary on February 16th.
Flowers on the altar are given by Romona Abbey wishing everybody a Happy Valentine’s Day
Flowers on the altar are given by James Porter in loving memory of Lois Porter

Opening Litany

- L: *God surrounds and overwhelms us with a world that is rich in sensory experiences.*
- C We see and we hear, we feel and we taste, we smell and we delight in the goodness of God.**
- L: *We see the rich blue of the vast sky above us, we hear the simple song of the sparrow.*
- C We see and we hear, we feel and we taste, we smell and we delight in the goodness of God.**
- L: *We feel the warmth of the sun on our face, we taste the sharp and sweet juice of the orange.*
- C We see and we hear, we feel and we taste, we smell and we delight in the goodness of God.**
- L: *We smell the rich promise of rain-soaked land and the fragrant blossoms of spring.*
- C We see and we hear, we feel and we taste, we smell and we delight in the goodness of God.**
- L: *Every day, God sends so many gifts, so many reminders of his abundant grace and love for us, his creatures.*

Confession and Absolution

- L: *Not all that we experience with our senses brings joy and delight.*
- C We see and hear and smell much that brings sorrow, disgust and regret.**
- L: *Indeed, we see violence, we hear angry shouts, we smell decay and death—and we encounter all this not only in the world, but in our own lives. So we pause, and we confess the reality of the failure and brokenness that invades our lives.*
- C Lord, you gave us a beautiful world, but it is so often filled with what is ugly and repulsive. I am so often filled with what is ugly and repulsive. You bless freely, and I am reluctant to share. You shower gifts without measure, and I am grudging in my gratitude. You are wildly liberal in your generosity, and I am selfish in my response. I fall so short of what I should be. What I see, hear and smell brings grief and shame.**
- L: *God sees your reality and hears your confession. And because Jesus has given everything for you, God forgives your failure and removes your shame. He makes you whole again. He makes you fresh and new and able to do what he gives you to do. Delight in the rich reality of God's grace.*
- C Amen**

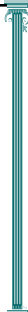
Calendar of Events

Sun., Feb. 14th	10:30	Choir sings @ V Cookies & Coffee @ V (Hospitality 1)
Mon., Feb. 15th		President's Day
Tues., Feb. 16th	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee @ V
	7:00 p.m.	Council @ V
Wed., Feb. 17th	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study @ V
	3:30 p.m.	LEAP
	6:00 p.m.	VUMC Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service @ Immanuel Lutheran
Sun., Feb. 21st	10:30 a.m.	LEAP sing Choir sings @ V Cookies & Coffee @ V (Hospitality 1) Fortney Hotel Meal—Education Committee

Prayers List: Joanne H., Hester N., Carol H., Rod, Ann H., Robert P., Lana D., Brian B., Eric, Janet

Viroqua UMC offers 2 Adult Bible Study classes from 9:00—10:00 a.m. every Sunday @ V.

	<u>LIBERTY POLE UMC</u>	<u>VIROQUA UMC</u>
USHERS	Judy Christianson & Renee Baker	Chuck & Mary Mulvaney-Kemp
GREETERS	Judy Christianson & Renee Baker	David Peterson
LITURGIST	Amy Hardy	Cavan Fang
LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE	43	51
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$1,048.50	\$1,958.00

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