



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

3rd Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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 **“IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY”** ARR. BY: WILBUR HELD (V)
(A time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.)

WELCOMING WORDS
(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE** **“O CRUCIFIED REDEEMER”** UMH No. 425

****CALL TO WORSHIP** **PSALM 63:1-11** UMH No. 788

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

CHILDREN’S TIME
(CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL)

OLD TESTAMENT READING **GENESIS 3:1-8** **PEW BIBLE NO. 4**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **2 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1445**

***HYMN** **“IT IS WELL”** UMH No. 377

****GOSPEL** **JOHN 6:48-58** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1289**

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

P: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON **“JESUS, THE BREAD BROKEN FOR YOU”**

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER UMH No. 895
L: Lord, in your mercy,
P: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

OFFERING **“LORD JESUS, THOU ART GOING FORTH”** Arr. By: A. Beck (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** **“NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD”** UMH No. 362

BENEDICTION (is spoken by the pastor)

All you need has been given to you by your Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go forward and use well what he has given to accomplish what he wills. Go in his purpose and in his peace. Amen.

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **“GIVE TO THE WINDS” (VERSE 4)** UMH No. 129

POSTLUDE **“TRUMPET FINALE”** BY: TOMMASO ALBINONI (V)

Opening Litany

- L *God created us to be dependent and needy beings. We enter life helpless with no choice but to rely on others to provide for all of our needs—and through those others, God provides our needs.*
- C Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**
- L *Even as adults, our dependence and neediness continues. We must eat and drink every day. We need shelter and clothing, and we need a community and a purpose, and all of these needs God provides.*
- C Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**
- L *Though God faithfully keeps his promise to provide, our daily needs have a way of distracting us and mastering us. Material things grow large and demand our attention, and we lose perspective.*
- C Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**
- L *Indeed, there is more to life than the pursuit of bread, and today we pause to reorder our thinking and our lives. Today, we rejoice that God gives daily bread and his life-giving Word.*
- C Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

Confession and Absolution

- L *We so easily misuse what God gives: blessings become obsessions, gifts become vices and provisions become causes for temptation and sin. So we confess together our problems with daily bread and our struggle with life's material needs.*
- C Lord, you shower me each day with all that I need to sustain this life. My material blessings are beyond number, and most of them I have simply come to expect and so hardly notice. Forgive me for being complacent about your abundant giving. Forgive me for turning your good gifts into causes for sin as I worry about keeping what I have, and getting what I don't have. Forgive me for obsessing about and reaching for more than I need. Forgive me for abusing what I do have with my selfishness, my lack of self-control and my greed. Forgive me for making a mess of your good gift of daily bread.**
- L *God is the giver of all good gifts. He gives rich gifts of material treasures, and far more importantly, he gives the gift of forgiveness when we fail rightly to use what he gives us. Receive the wonderful word from his own mouth: Forgiven! You are forgiven for every failure. Amen.*

Calendar of Events

Sun., Feb. 28th	10:30 a.m.	LEAPS “Flag Routine” to the music of the “Lord’s Prayer” (V)
	11:30 a.m.	LEAPS—Easter Sunrise Practice
Mon., Feb. 29th	10:00 a.m.	Hymn Selection Committee Meeting
		Leap Year Day
Tues., March 1st	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice @ V
Wed., March 2nd	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study @ V
	4:30 p.m.	Taco Supper @ V
	6:00 p.m.	Choir practice—V
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service @ V
Thurs., March 3rd	1:30 p.m.	UMW/Lydia Circle @ V
Fri., March 4th		World Day of Prayer @ Good Shepherd
Tues., March 8th	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice @ V

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

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	Brian & Tammy Gardner	Dale & Jolene Gudgeon
GREETERS	Brian & Tammy Gardner	Lynn Whitney
LITURGIST	Bryce Funk	Cavan Fang
LAST SUNDAY’S ATTENDANCE	47	55
LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERING	\$614.75	\$1,172.00

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