



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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 6th, 2016

4th Sunday in Lent—One Great Hour of Sharing

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 “WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS” ARR. BY: HAL HOPSON –V
(A time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.)

WELCOMING WORDS
(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE** “FREELY, FREELY” UMH No. 389

****CALL TO WORSHIP** PSALM 32 UMH No. 766

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION UMH No. 12
(CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL)

SPECIAL MUSIC - “VUMC QUARTET” @ LP

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 15 PEW BIBLE NO. 655

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-14 PEW BIBLE NO. 1453

***HYMN** “TAKE OUR BREAD” UMH No. 640

****GOSPEL** MATTHEW 26:30-35, 69-75 PEW BIBLE NO. 1183, 1185

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

P: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON “IN CHRIST’S STRENGTH, WE CAN KEEP OUR PROMISES”

SERMON RESPONSE: VUMC QUARTET @ LP

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM @ V

UMH 39

JULIA JEAN HAAKENSEN,

DAUGHTER OF THOMAS & MELISSA HAAKENSEN

WITNESSES: JACKIE SELOW, JESSE & JESSICA JANZEN

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

OFFERING “FROM DEPTHS OF WOE I CRY TO YOU” SETTING BY: SAMUEL SCHEIDT-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** “MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS” UMH No. 368

BENEDICTION IN UNISON:

Jesus is the fulfillment of every one of God’s promises. Jesus is God’s absolute “Yes” to you. Abide in the assurance of God’s Word. Stay strong in the certainty that he will do all that he says. Go forward with peace, confident in his promise to you. Amen.

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “WERE YOU THERE” (VERSE 2) UMH No. 288

POSTLUDE “PRELUDE IN E MINOR” BY: J. S. BACH—V

The WVRQ Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Paul and Sonja Bjerkos’ granddaughter Julia’s baptism.

Opening Litany

L: When God speaks, God acts. God's speaking is bound to God's being.

C If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.

L Jesus is God speaking and revealing himself to us.

C If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.

L Jesus is the Word of God present for us.

C If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.

L Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise, and the assurance that God will keep every promise he has made.

C If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.

L Jesus is the proof that God will do what he has said. Jesus is the comfort and the encouragement that we will share in the completion of all God's wonderful plans.

C If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.

Confession and Absolution

L Talk is cheap. There is an enormous gulf between a word said and a deed done. We know too well the pain of broken promises and the hurt caused by empty assurances. People have failed us. But we know that we also struggle to keep our word. We have caused and continue to cause our own hurt and pain. We have failed others. We have failed God.

C Lord God, I have not been faithful. I have made promises that I could not keep. I have spoken a word of agreement and then forgotten to uphold it. I have given assurances and then failed to follow through. I have committed and then changed my mind when it became difficult. Forgive me for my empty words. Forgive me for my broken promises. Forgive me for being faithless.

L When we are faithless, he remains faithful. God has promised always to forgive the repentant sinner. There is no doubt, then: God knows your failure and your sin, and he forgives you for all of it. Take heart; your failures have all been forgiven. God has promised it, and he always keeps every promise. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Tues., March 8	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice @ V
Wed., March 9	10:00 a.m.	Care & Nurture @ V
	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study @ V
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice @ V
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service @ St. Mary's
Thurs. March 10		All State Clergy Mtg. with Bishop Hee Soo Jung
Sun., March 13	10:30 a.m.	Choir sings @ V
Tues., March 15	1:00 p.m.	Christian Ed. Mtg. @ V
	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice @ V
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Mtg. @ V
	7:00 p.m.	Council Mtg. @ 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	Neil & Casey Funk	Cavan Fang/Dan Casper
GREETERS	Neil & Casey Funk	Annabel McGarry
LITURGIST	Brian Funk	Sonja Bjerkos
LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE	32	62
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$471.51	\$2,780.10

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