

Parish News • January 8, 2021

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings from Pastor Craig!

The past several days have been a series of contrasts. On the one hand, the weather was gorgeous Thursday afternoon as I hiked on a trail system that was brand new for me. The temperatures have been moderate for January with blue skies and lots of sun.

On the other hand, the scene in Washington on Wednesday was chaotic as one of the hallowed traditions of our democracy was disrupted. The divisions within our nation are troubling. Yet, as we have before in our history, I am hopeful that citizens from all perspectives will come together to be one people living according to the values our nation holds dear.

In church on Sunday we'll recall Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist with its underlying message that the Kingdom of God is in our midst now and continues to be built brick by brick by each day by all those who live in the Spirit and embrace Kingdom values such as justice, righteousness, and love for God and others.

Item #1: Thank you for your interest in our Facebook

Live Sunday morning worship services. We've got the camera auto-focus issue figured out as well as the difficulty we had bringing the camera online for our broadcast last Sunday. So be prepared this week for outstanding video and audio quality.

With virus infection numbers going down, this Sunday we are going to open up the church building for a total of twenty people to attend in person. We will seat ten people upstairs and ten people downstairs, where the service is displayed on a large high quality television. We plan to rotate those attending upstairs and those downstairs from week to week in order to give everyone a chance to worship in the sanctuary.

All worship attendees will be required to wear masks and will be seated by an usher at ample distances from one another.

So we are able to coordinate this in a safe manner we're asking those interested in attending worship in person to call in advance of Sunday morning to get on the list of attendees. Please call Jeanne Tomlinson at 235-8470.

Item #2: A big "thank you" to Nick and Evan Wognum who have volunteered to shovel the church sidewalks during the month of January.

If you are able to volunteer for February and/or March please give Pastor Craig a call at 365-3355 or 365-3716, leaving a message if necessary.

Item #3: Here is a thank you note from Susan Germek: "Thank you all for the lovely card and Grand Ely Lodge gift certificate. It is much appreciated and I am going to wait to use it until 'dining in' is again an option."

"Also, thank you for the contribution to the cost of the choir masks. It will be a great day when we can get together once again to sing. I know our choir members are looking forward to the time when that can happen safely."

"It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to be able to contribute to our church services and I thank you for that opportunity."

"Happy New Year Wishes, Susan"

Item #4: I want to extend a heart-felt personal "Thank You" to each of you for your expressions of Christmas cheer – your personal greetings and best

wishes, and for your cards and gifts. Your support is always encouraging and is especially so this year, so please know of my deep gratitude.

I also want to thank Ely United Methodist Church for your Christmas card, with its sentiments of thanks for my leadership this past year and for the Gift Cards.

I cherish my personal relationships with each of you and the efforts and service you make on behalf of strengthening our church and making it be the strong "Little Church with a Big Heart" that we are. In this pandemic year I am keenly grateful for you even as I miss our being able to be together as we have in the past and will be again in the future.

Item #5: The bulletin for the January 3, 2021 Facebook Live worship service and Prayer Wall are attached. You can also find Sunday's bulletin out on our Facebook page.

Hear now the promise of God's presence with you in all of 2021, from Psalm 121. Assurance of God's Protection

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

2 My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

With my appreciation,

Pastor Craig

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

January 8, 2021

This is a guide for prayer this week. The *Prayer Wall* is a reminder of those needing prayers during devotional times. Thank you for dedicating some of your personal prayer time to lift up these requests.

Psalm 5: 3



“In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice, in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.”

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Ken Wright** – Ken, a former Tomlinson neighbor, fell down stairs & had emergency spinal surgery but remains paralyzed and is in poor spirits. Doctors are not sure if he will recover motor control.
- **Ted Schreffler** – Tricia’s father-in-law and Jim’s dad is not doing well. Pray for healing and comfort
- **Madison** – Angie Olson’s 16 year old cousin diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Prayer for healing treatment
- **Norbert Cronin** – Norbert, Linda Hane’s friend, had a stroke Dec 7 and is in rehab and his wife, who has health issues herself, visits regularly to discuss treatments. His brother passed away last week
- **Lynn Lockhart** – Lynn, a friend of Sheila Shultz, had an accident & is having numerous health issues
- **Barbara Lassila’s family and friends** – In the passing of Pat Olson’s sister, Barbara
- **Devon Richter’s family & friends** – In the sudden death of Devon, daughter of Art & Patty Richter and sister of Susie Mauser and Brand Richter
- **Marla Tezak** – Linda Hane’s sister-in-law is having a laser surgical procedure
- **Linda Fryer** – Linda fell and fractured her cervical spine requiring same day surgery in Duluth Dec 13
- **Mike and Gail Haney** – Mike is having consultations in Duluth for brain and lung cancer treatments
- **Bruce & Carol Finley family** – Deanie Kuehl’s brother Bruce passed away from COVID-19. His wife, Carol, who was still in the ICU with COVID-19 and on a ventilator passed away a few days later.
- **Jerilyn Montgomery** – Jerilyn’s kidney transplant is postponed until summer. She is on dialysis now.
- **Emma Smrekar** – Carolyn Fendt’s great granddaughter is getting chemo treatment for stomach cancer
- **Linda Williams** – Is having health issues & is recovering in the BWCC. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Those who have contracted the COVID-19 Virus and Family Members**
- **All essential health care workers exposed to the COVID-19 virus**

We include all the United Methodist Churches and Pastors, both active and retired, in our MN UMC Annual Conference as we work in extraordinary ways to keep our congregations and communities free from infection by the COVID-19 virus.

Prayer requests are compiled from our church prayer chain, from our Sunday morning church congregation using the prayer request forms located in the pew welcome pads, and the North Star District Prayer List. Prayer requests will remain on the Prayer Wall through four weeks unless removed earlier because the prayer is known to be no longer necessary. People may ask that prayers be renewed on the list for subsequent 4-week periods. The Prayer Wall is finalized each Thursday for the Sunday morning service.

Ely United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 10, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Welcome Pastor Craig
Prelude Susan Germek

Opening Hymn #127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah All Three Verses
Opening Prayer (BCP – Baptism of the Lord)

Children's Time

Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1-5 Pastor Craig
Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11 Pastor Craig

Hymn # 189 Fairest Lord Jesus All Four Verses

Sermon Pastor Craig

Prayer Wall
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offertory
Doxology

Closing Song #133 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms All Three Verses
Ringing of the Bell
Benediction
Postlude

Leading worship: Pastor Craig Haberman
Accompanist: Susan Germek
Song Leader: Bev Johnson

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

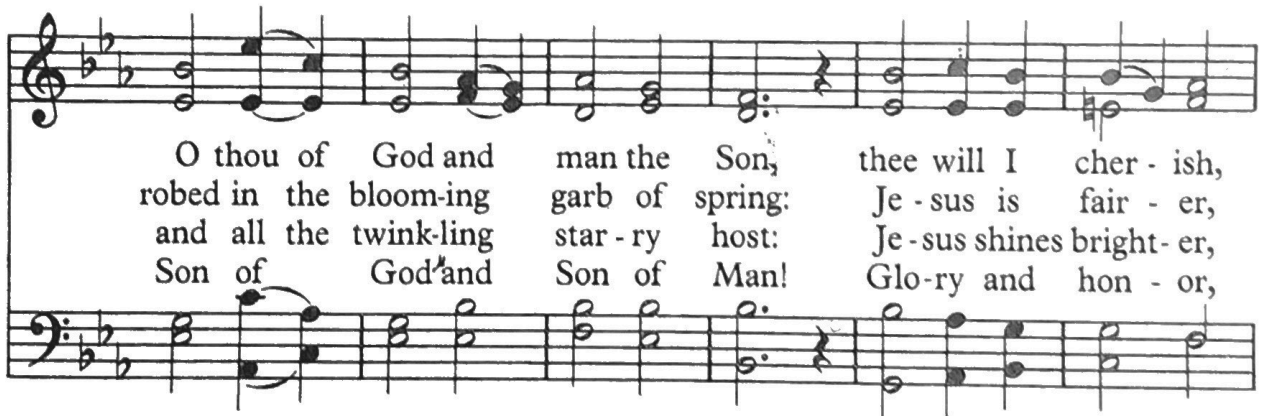
WORDS: William Williams, 1745; trans. from the Welsh by Peter Williams and
 the author, 1771
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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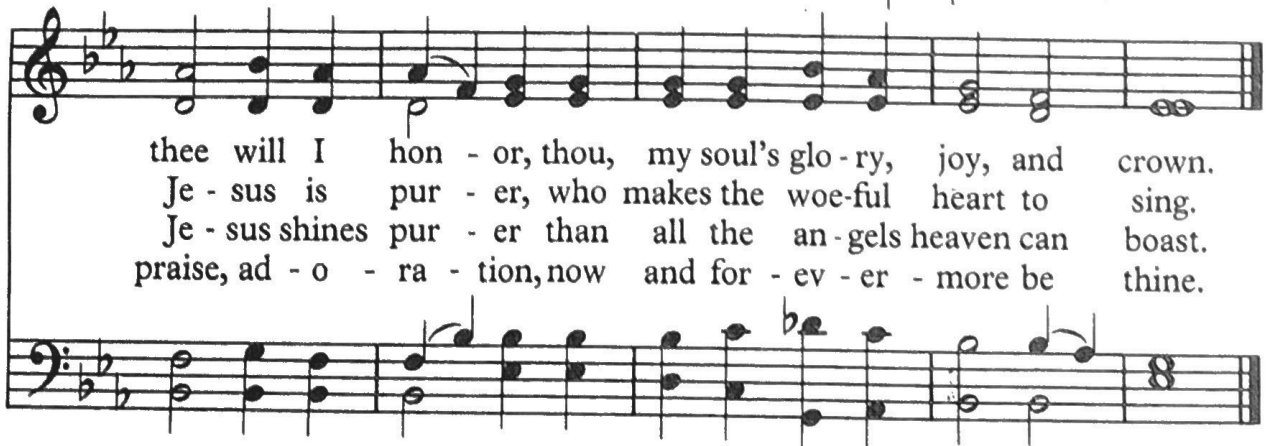
Fairest Lord Jesus



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of all the na - tions!



O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -
 lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus,

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 (Dt. 33:27)
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

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