

Parish News • February 26, 2021

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings from Pastor Craig! February 2021 is drawing to a close and March is just around the corner. But for those of us who live "Up North," March is most certainly not a spring month. Nevertheless, the sun is noticeably higher in the sky than it was a month ago and there is three and a half minutes more daylight each day. That's almost half an hour a week!

What this means is those of us who enjoy winter activities get to have another month or so to "get our fix," while those who are hankering for spring can watch it approaching a little faster all the time.

Item #1: In light of the low infection numbers in Ely recently, we're opening up our worship services for anyone who wishes to attend in person, whether you have Internet at home or not.

We need to practice social distance because of the age and underlying health conditions of many of our church members, so it's important that you call Jeanne Tomlinson on or before Saturday to let her know you would like to attend. Her phone number is 218-235-8470.

If those attending worship in person are able to arrive by 9:50 am this helps us out a lot because that's when we begin our broadcast for people viewing at home. Your early arrival allows us to get you seated on or before our broadcast begins.

If you have somehow missed the news that we broadcast our worship services each week on *Facebook live*, check us out! You can view the service live on Sunday mornings, beginning at 9:50 am or so, or anytime later in the day or during the week at your convenience.

If you have a *Facebook* account go to our "Ely United Methodist Church" page. If you don't have an account go to <http://www.facebook.com/elyunitedmethodistchurch/live>.

Item #2: To all members (and “wanna be” members) of the Ely United Methodist Church **choir**,

We have permission to resume choir practices.... Yea!! I thought a good time would be Thursday, March 4th at 6 pm. If you don't yet have one of the singer's masks, there are several still available. We have plenty of room to practice social distancing in the sanctuary so that we can practice safely. I hope you all put the date on your calendars and plan to join us. I am so looking forward to singing and working with all of you once again.

Susan Germek

Item #3: We're interested in having a variety of people read scripture on Sunday morning and boys and girls fulfill the duties of being an acolyte by lighting and extinguishing candles. Please contact Pastor Craig or Linda Hane (218-343-5022) if you're interested.

Item #4: We're looking for a volunteer or volunteers to shovel our church sidewalks in March and April. Please contact Pastor Craig or Marge Olson if you are interested.

Item #5: Please find this week's **Prayer Wall** either enclosed for those receiving *Parish News* through the mail or attached for those receiving *Parish News* electronically.

Item #6: Finally, would you pass along any thoughts you have regarding our weekly *Parish News* communications? We started *Parish News* as the pandemic arrived to help us stay in touch with each other. During the pandemic we've also paused publishing *The Fish*, our monthly newsletter.

Your feedback will help us evaluate how best to keep us all up to date with what's happening in our church. You may email Pastor Craig at sandpointhabes@gmail.com or call the church (218-365-3355) or parsonage (218-365-3716), leaving a message if necessary. Thank you.

Hear now the first seven verses of **Psalm 46**.

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present[[a](#)] help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵God is in the midst of the city;[[b](#)] it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. ⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

With my warmest regards,
Pastor Craig

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

February 26, 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.

Philippians 4: 6



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Phyllis Olson** – Fell down her stairs and broke her hip & needed surgery. Pray for healing.
- **Mike Haney** – Struggling with his loss of strength and treatments for brain cancer.
- **Marj Markwardt** – Fell and broke her femur and is in a swing bed at the Aurora hospital.
- **Jer Niskala** – Jer had emergency surgery to remove his gall bladder on Feb 16 & the surgery went well
- **Pastor Jim Johnson** – Pastor of the Motley UMC is suffering from high blood pressure and has a medical team working on the cause and treatment.
- **Dan Johnson** – Update. Dan is now home and making great improvements. Thanks for all your prayers
- **Stan & Lois Gray** – Update: Carol Laine’s sister-in-law, Lois, has passed away, but Stan is doing much better and on the mend. Both were in intensive care in McAllen, TX and not doing well. Prayers for Stan.
- **Emma Smrekar** – Carolyn Fendt’s great granddaughter is receiving chemo and radiation treatments
- **Schreffler family & Friends** – Update: Tricia’s father-in-law & Jim’s father, Ted, passed away.
- **Madison** – Angie Olson’s cousin’s 16 year old daughter was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Prayer for healing treatments
- **Linda Williams** – Fell and broke her hip & 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, February 28, 2021

Welcome

Pastor Craig

Prelude

Susan Germek

***Opening Hymn** #163 Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

***Opening Prayer**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's Time

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

***Hymn** #175 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Sermon

Pastor Craig

***Hymn** #496 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Prayer Wall/Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology**

Closing Song #462 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Verses 1,3, and 4

Ringing of the Bell

Benediction

Postlude

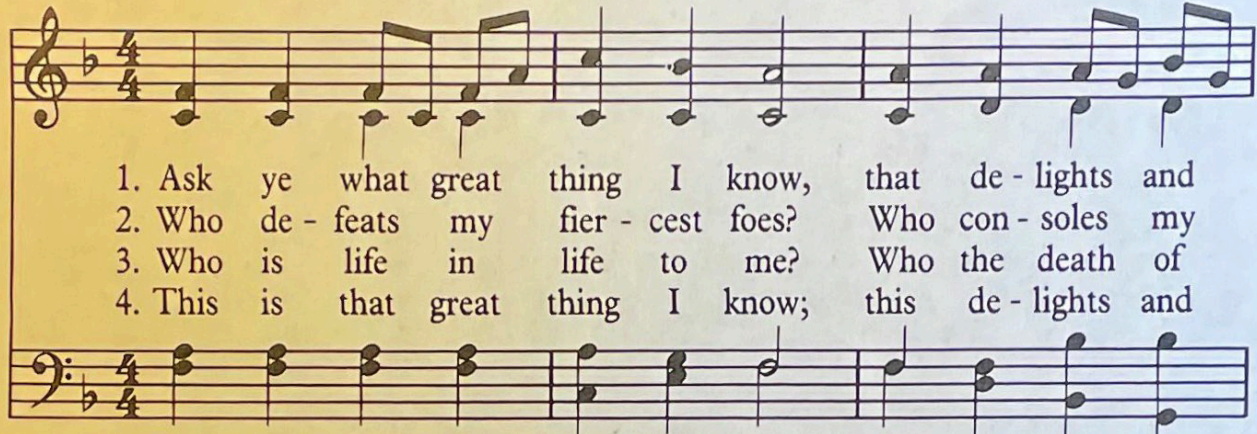
Leading worship: Pastor Craig Haberman

Accompanist: Susan Germek

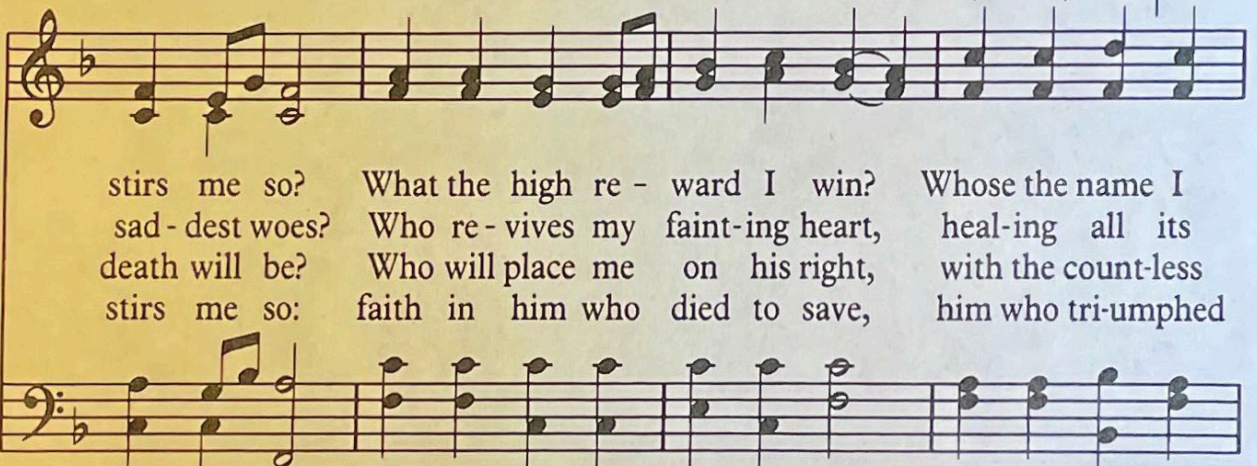
Song Leader: Bev Johnson

Liturgist: Bobbi Gruwell

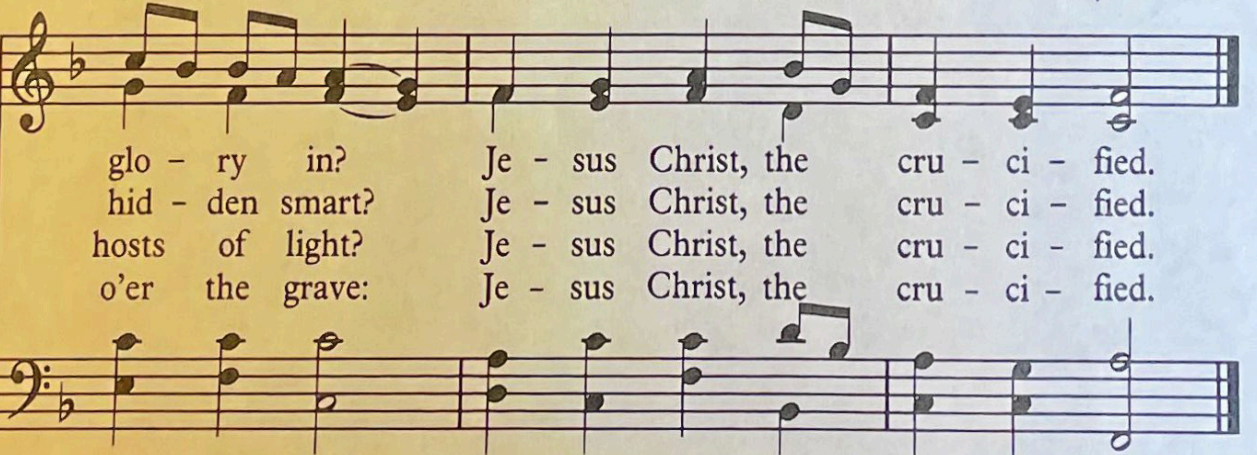
163 Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know



1. Ask ye what great thing I know, that de - lights and
2. Who de - feats my fier - cest foes? Who con - soles my
3. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of
4. This is that great thing I know; this de - lights and



stirs me so? What the high re - ward I win? Whose the name I
sad - dest woes? Who re - vives my faint - ing heart, heal - ing all its
death will be? Who will place me on his right, with the count - less
stirs me so: faith in him who died to save, him who tri - umphed



glo - ry in? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
hid - den smart? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
hosts of light? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
o'er the grave: Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.

WORDS: Johann C. Schwedler, 1741; trans. by Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1863
(1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 6:14)
MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827; harm. by Lowell Mason, 1841

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Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 175

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
 2. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 3. But what to those who find? Ah, this
 4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills the breast; but sweet - er far thy
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
 nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Je - sus,
 as thou our prize wilt be; Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is, none but his loved ones know.
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th cent.; trans. by Edward Caswall, 1849
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1866

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Sweet Hour of Prayer



1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me
 2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I
 3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall

from a world of care, and bids me at my
 feel, the bliss I share of those whose anx - ious
 my pe - ti - tion bear to him whose truth and

Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.
 spir - its burn with strong de - sires for thy re - turn!
 faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has
 With such I has - ten to the place where God my
 And since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his

of - ten found re - lief, and oft es - caped the
 Sav - ior shows his face, and glad - ly take my
 word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my

tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
 sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
 ev - ery care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, and to take him
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus,

at his word; just to rest up - on his prom - ise,
 cleans - ing blood; and in sim - ple faith to plunge me
 self to cease; just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing
 Sav - ior, friend; and I know that thou art with me,

Refrain

and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood! Je - sus, Je - sus, how I
 life and rest, and joy and peace.
 wilt be with me to the end.

trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Je - sus, Je - sus,

pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!