

## Parish News • April 23, 2021

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings from Pastor Craig! It's hard to believe with the run of weather we've been having lately, but the month of May is just around the corner. In fact, May 1st is a week from tomorrow!

The long hours of daylight are one of my favorite parts of summer and we're already two-thirds of the way from the shortest day of the year to the longest day. Imagine that! This morning the sun rose at 6:03 a.m. and will set at 8:09 tonight. According to [weatherunderground.com](http://weatherunderground.com), which factors in dawn and dusk, we'll have fifteen hours and nine minutes of visible light today. This makes me grin from ear to ear.

I think spring always makes us feel cheerful and hopeful as we put winter boots and clothes in a back closet and pull out summer clothing, sweep out our garages, set out lawn furniture, buy summer plants, and dust off our summer "toys." This is especially the case, it seems to me, following a Covid-winter.

I feel as though I'm smiling more and breathing more easily; although I do admit over the past year, I've developed the habit of looking over my shoulder, wondering what might come next. In other words, it seems as if after a year of Covid and losing my Dad I haven't developed the tendency to flinch when I don't have to; typically, there are more reasons to relax and trust than to be anxious.

**Item #1:** Our Administrative Council met on Wednesday, discussing again how to open up our church in prudent ways; how to safely resume activities as before Covid-19 arrived, while continuing with new improvements we've made in the past year.

We're right on the doorstep with a lot of this and will update you as

things happen. Watch for the Ad Council minutes in the next edition of *Parish News*.

**Item #2:** Meanwhile watch for a few minor changes to our Sunday morning worship service beginning this Sunday. Our goal is to return our focus to the vitality of the worship service for those worshipping in-person, but without leaving the Facebook Live congregation behind.

In other words, there won't be many noticeable changes for those of you participating online, but we want the service to feel as close to what we used to do for those worshipping in the sanctuary.

- We'll begin worship at 9:55 with a brief greeting from Pastor Craig. The Facebook Live congregation will have five minutes to greet one another, rather than ten minutes as we have been doing.
- For those worshipping in-person, we'll replace the time of silence we've been having with the first and last verses of one or two hymns of choice, followed by the prelude.
- Bev Johnson has been ably leading our singing when the congregation has been small. We're wondering if there are enough people now worshipping in-person so we can return to hymn-singing as before, with accompanist playing and congregation singing. We'll experiment both ways and see how it sounds, both in the sanctuary and in the online world.

**Item #3:** We've wondered if we're at the point where people wishing to attend in-person no longer need to call Jeanne Tomlinson in advance of Sunday morning, but feel we're not at this point yet. So, continue to call Jeanne at 218-235-8470 if you wish to attend in person.

**Item #4:** The Ely Young Life 16th Annual Sweet Spring Auction will be online this year, running from Sunday April 25th through Sunday,

May 2nd. Go to [ely.younglife.org](http://ely.younglife.org) to participate.

Young Life is vital Ely-wide youth ministry. A number of youth from our congregation participate, the Porthans are on the board, and our congregation supports the ministry financially.

Go online and look the items over; you just might find something you've been looking for!

**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.

Hear now these words from **Psalm 121**.

<sup>1</sup> *I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?*

<sup>2</sup> *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

<sup>3</sup> *He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.* <sup>4</sup> *He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

<sup>5</sup> *The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.*

<sup>6</sup> *The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

<sup>7</sup> *The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.*

<sup>8</sup> *The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.*

With God's blessings and my very best wishes,

Pastor Craig Haberman

# The Ely United Methodist Church

## *Prayer Wall*

April 23, 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.

### Matthew 21: 22



*(Jesus said), "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."*

### We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Kay Ojala** – Linda Hane's friend is having kidney transplant surgery at Rochester Mayo
- **Debbie Granberry & family** – Jeanne's and Jay's college friend, who lost both her husband to Alzheimer's & her mother within 6 days last week. Pray for comfort and peace.
- **Mary Leonas** – Kathy Brandau's mother, Mary Leonas, is not doing well. Pray for healing.
- **Marla Tezek** – Linda Hane's sister-in-law had back surgery and needs prayers for recovery
- **Earl Bulinski family & Friends** – Earl passed away. Pray for peace and comfort
- **Art Hane** – Bill Hane's brother is dealing with Parkinson's and is now at home. Prayers for comfort
- **Darryl Johnson** – Don Johnson's brother is recovering from receiving 1 stent with 2 more to be inserted
- **Jeff Close** – Sheri Rue's brother, Jeff, is having some health issues. Please pray for healing.
- **Lee Tessier family & friends** – Lee passed away from complications after surgery.
- **Paul DieKoff** – Linda Hane's brother-in-law is having surgery to amputate a foot. Pray for healing
- **Brian** – Glenda Harbough's brother, Brian, needs prayers for personal reasons
- **Phyllis Olson** – Healing from a hip fracture and diagnosis of cancer. Pray for healing.
- **Rod & Tootsie Loe** – Both have been moved to Carefree Living, but Rod has pneumonia & in hospital
- **Robert Buckner** – Marge Olson's brother fell and broke his hip and is need of healing prayers
- **Mike Haney** – Mike is struggling with his loss of strength and treatments for brain cancer.
- **Emma Smrekar** – Carolyn Fendt's great granddaughter is receiving chemo and radiation treatments
- **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  
April 25, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Welcome**

Pastor Craig

**Prelude**

Susan Germek

**\*Opening Hymn** #545 The Church's One Foundation

verses 1, 2, and 5

**\*Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

**Children's Time**

**Epistle Reading**

I John 3:16 – 24

**Gospel Reading**

John 10:11 – 18

**\*Hymn** #174 His Name Is Wonderful

sing twice

**Sermon**

Pastor Craig

**\*Hymn** #2146 His Eye is on the Sparrow

**Prayer Wall/Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**Closing Song** #128 He Leadeth Me

verses 1, 2, and 4

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Benediction/Postlude**

Leading worship: Pastor Craig Haberman

Accompanist: Susan Germek

Song Leader: Bev Johnson

Liturgist: Bev Johnson

## The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

# His Name Is Wonderful

His name is won-der-ful, his name is won-der-ful, his name is

won-der-ful, Je - sus, my Lord. He is the might-y King,

Mas-ter of ev-ery-thing; his name is won-der-ful, Je - sus, my Lord.

He's the great Shep-herd, the Rock of all a - ges, al - might - y

God is he; bow down be - fore him, love and a -

dore him, his name is won-der-ful, Je - sus, my Lord.

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- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. R
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. R



GRACE

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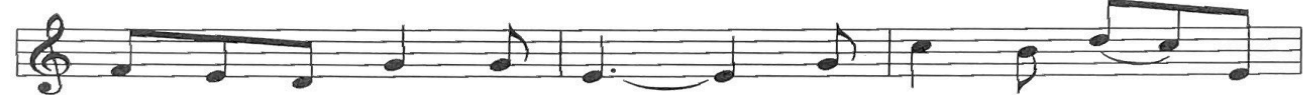
# His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows  
2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I  
3. When - ev - er I am tempt-ed, when - ev - er clouds a -



come?  
hear, Why should my heart be lone-ly  
rise, and rest-ing on his good-ness,  
when song gives place to sigh-ing,



and long for heaven and home, When Je - sus is my  
I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he  
when hope with - in me dies, I draw the clo - ser



por-tion? My con-stant friend is he: } His eye is on the  
lead-eth but one step I may see: }  
to him, from care he sets me free: }



spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his eye is on the



spar-row, and I know he watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm



hap-py, (I'm hap-py,) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free,) for his



eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.



128 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O  
 2. Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some -  
 3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor  
 4. And when my task on earth is done, when

words with heaven-ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -  
 times where E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters still, o'er  
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er  
 by thy grace the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis his hand that lead - eth me.  
 lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

*Refrain*

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, by

WORDS Joseph H Gilmore, 1862 (Ps 23)  
 MUSIC William B Bradbury, 1864

HE LEADETH ME  
 LM with Refrain

his own hand he lead - eth me; his faith - ful fol - lower  
 I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Give to the Winds Thy Fears 129

1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be un - dis - mayed.  
 2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears thy way;  
 3. Leave to God's sov - er - eign way to choose and to com - mand;  
 4. Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast truth de - clare,

God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.  
 wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.  
 so shalt thou, won - der - ing, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.  
 and pub - lish with our lat - est breath thy love and guard - ian care.

WORDS Paul Gerhardt, 1653, trans by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps 37:5)  
 MUSIC William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG  
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