

*Treat everyone as if
they are sacred until
the sacred in them
remembers.*



Friedens UCC

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Music Prelude

Bell Tolling - Welcome to Worship (** = all who are able, please stand*)

*Call to Worship

Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.
Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

This is a place where all belong.

This is a time when all are accountable to God.

The Maker of all seeks our common good.

The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

We are not judges over our sisters and brothers.

We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Come to sing praises and put your trust in God.

Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

We bring all our needs to God, our hope.

We want to share faith and hope with others.

*Hymn of Gathering "To You O God All Creatures Sing"

Prayer cards are collected during the Hymn.

*Prayer of Invocation

O God, come lift us up to our full humanity as we worship you in this hour. You surround us on every side and are acquainted with all our ways. You know our shallow motives and our deepest thoughts. Yet you welcome us. We want to worship you and to represent you well. Come among us now with your transforming power. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Scripture Mark 7: 24 - 30

*Hymn of Reflection "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Children's Moment

Sermon "Arguing with Jesus?" Rev. Cindy Bumb

*Hymn of Response "How Firm a Foundation"

Offertory

Hear again the proverb: "Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." What a joy we can know when our thankfulness exceeds our acquisitiveness, and our concern for others outweighs our greed! We are invited to share what we have received.

Song of Reflection "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

*Doxology *These words are from #780 using words from #778 or #779*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, you heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen Amen Amen*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We give because you have been generous to us, gracious God. We give because we need to give in order to realize your image within us. We give to feed the hungers of the body and soul that are all around us and deep within. May the ministries of this church meet the needs of our members, our community, and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Community Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Faith in Action

*Commission and Blessing

We are commissioned as carriers of love.

The attention we give to others is contagious.

We seek to honor all people by listening to them.

We want to provide practical help to those in need.

We are sent out to do good and to be merciful.

Our trust is in God, who equips us to serve.

We seek to minister impartially.

Both friends and strangers are our concern.

Be strong, fear not, for God will save.

Those who trust God will realize God's blessing.

God has blessed us with a good name.

We are heirs of God's dominion forever. Amen.

*Song of Sending "By Faith"

*Benediction

Music Postlude

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Please join us on Sunday, September 22 to welcome Rev. Tracey Harris who will be our new Transitional Pastor. She will be meeting church members during donut hour in the Fellowship Hall after Worship. Come join us in welcoming her!



PLACE DONATIONS IN THE WELL OF HOPE OR IN BLACK CONTAINER OUTSIDE OF THE VESTIBULE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Applesauce
Tomato Paste
Bar Soap

Canned Pasta
Cereal
Laundry Soap

Oatmeal
Pork & Beans
Facial Tissue



Celebration Sunday, September 8 after Worship in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the kickoff for the Sunday School to begin. Cake and ice cream will be served. All are welcome. Come join us!

**Stockholder Brunch, Sunday September 29 after Worship.
The youth will talk about their Mission Trip to Shannondale
Come join us! ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Bible Study



Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning Bible Study will be on summer break and will resume on September 17 and September 18.

**Sunday mornings after Worship Sunday
School is held in the Hospitality Room**



Sunday Morning
Adult Study

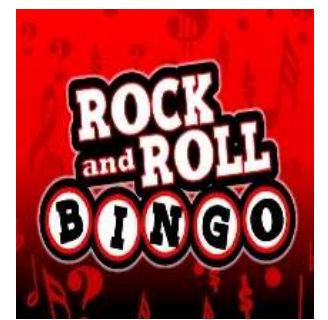
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ROCK n ROLL BINGO - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Doors open @ 6:00 pm.

Bingo begins @ 6:30 pm.

Tickets are on sale now. Please contact the Church Office via phone or email to purchase tickets. A flyer with details is located on the Church Office window.



Trunk-or-Treat, Sunday October 27 after Worship
There will be decorated trunks in the parking lot for kids to get treats. After please join us for chili and hot dogs in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the church office window for anyone who may want to bring chili or decorate a trunk. All are welcome. Come join us!