To error is human; to forgive is divine. Alexander Pope



Sunday, October 13, 2024

Music Prelude

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

*Call to Worship

Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.

Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

Oh, that we knew where to find God!

We want to hear and understand God's Word.

The word of God is living and active.

It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

We cannot hide from God who knows us.

God understands our thoughts and intentions.

Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.

This is the time to embrace new ways.

Here we set the patterns for everyday life. Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.

*Hymn of Gathering "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Prayer cards are collected during the Hymn.

*Gathering Prayer

We seek to gather as children of your realm, reigning God. We recognize that you, not we, prescribe the rules under which life can be rich and full and free. Help us in this hour to embrace the best we know. Open our thoughts and feelings so we may learn better ways. We approach you with boldness, daring to question and make requests, knowing that your grace and mercy exceed our wildest imagining, and your guidance is ever available to those who ask. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

Scripture Reading Mark 10:17-31

*Hymn of Reflection "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

Children's Moment

Message "Who Goes First" Rev. Tracey Harris

*Hymn of Response "Take My Life"

Offertory

Jesus said to the young questioner who asked about eternal life: "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." As long as our reliance is on thigs we have accumulated, our Christian discipleship is threatened. We give out of thanks to God and concern for our neighbors.

Song of Reflection "Give Me Jesus" *Doxology *Old 100th Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Christ, all people here below! Praise Holy Spirit ever more; Praise Triune God, whom we adore! Amen, Amen, Amen!

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Thank you, God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.

Community Prayer Lord's Prayer

Faith in Action

*Song of Sending "Your Grace is Enough"

*Commission and Blessing

The God whom we have met here is with us every day. Be open each day to what God would say to you.

The Word of God is living and active.

It is sharper than a two-edged sword.

God's Word provides judgment on our thoughts. It reveals the intentions of our hearts.

The scriptures lead us to Jesus, our Teacher.

In Christ, we find support and encouragement.

The word of God will guide you in all truth.

It will assure you of God's saving grace.

With God, all things are possible.

From God, we seek to know eternal life hear and now. Amen.

*Benediction

Music Postlude

ACCOMPANIST

Worship Liturgy: Reprinted by permission of United Church Press from Led by Love by Lavon Bayler. Copyright 1996 by United Church Press.

FRIEDENS UCC STAFF PASTOR

Reverend Tracey Harris ~ pastortracey@friedens-ucc.org 618-830-3919 Lilyann Rice **CHURCH OFFICE ADMIN.** Sharon Brune ~ churchoffice@friedens-ucc.org 636-946-2884 (Office)

FRIEDENS LIVESTREAMING VOLUNTEERS

BROADCASTERS	Dylan Brune / Marie Haupt
CAMERA	Debbie Ayres, Sharon Brune, Marie Haupt, Connie Pickering, Sara Vollmar
SOUND	Galen Brune, Jeff Hitchcock & Jackson Vollmar
POWER POINT	Marie Haupt, Sandra Leezy, Debi Gravemann
PRAISESOUND	Jim Anderson, Karen Hitchcock, Sue Lienemann

LITURGIST... Jim Anderson **ACOLYTE** . . . Everett Martin USHERS... Bill & Karla Sheffer USHER/CONSISTORY... Brenda Henning and Betty Schippers **DONUT HOUR** . . . Connections **NEXT SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR...** Mike & Laura Schaefer COUNTERS . . . Debbie Ayres and Sharon Brune



Cereal Tomato Soup

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

Fruit Cock	ail Canned Pears	Jelly
Oatmeal	Boxed Mashed Potatoes	Ramen Noodles
Boxed Pudding Mi	k Boxed Jello Mix	



Confirmation Classes will be held on Sunday October 13 @ 6 pm at Friedens UCC and Sunday, October 20 @ 6 pm at St. John's Wolfrum



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



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!