"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart." ~ Helen Keller



Sunday, February 9, 2025

Music Prelude

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

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Let us sing of the ways of the Lord,

For great is the glory of our God.

Grace and peace to you from the one who is on high and yet regards the lowly. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Gathering "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Prayer cards are collected during the Hymn.

*Gathering Prayer (unison)

Holy One, by your grace we are your own. Stir up in us the desire to follow you, that your grace toward us may not be in vain but may become our motivation to go where you send us. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8

Luke 5: 1-11

Children's Moment

Song of Reflection "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Sermon "Following Who?" Rev. Tracey Harris

*Song of Response "Here I Am, Lord"

Offertory

Like the disciples whose nets were beginning to break with the abundance of fish, we are overwhelmed with gratitude as we see Christ in our world in this season. Let us return a portion of the gifts that God has given us.

Offering Song "Heart of Worship"

*Doxology

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 praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. Amen.

Community Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Faith in Action

*Song of Sending "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

*Commission and Blessing

The Lord calls, saying: Whom shall I send? Let each of us respond: Here I am! Send me!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Benediction

Music Postlude

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COUNTERS . . . Ron Gravemann and ?

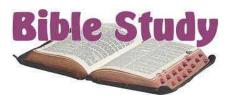


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Tuna Helper Canned Tuna Canned vegetables

Toilet Tissue Kleenex Men's and Women's Deodorant

Shampoo and Conditioner Laundry Detergent Dish Liquid



Tuesday evening at 7 pm and Wednesday morning at 9 am. Bible Study is held in the Conference room. Please bring your bibles.

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





Youth and adults will deliver Valentines to members living at McClay Senior Center, where Orrin & Carolyn Johnson reside TODAY.

Easter Lilies can be commemorated in a variety of ways. The cost will be \$17.00 each; there are 5+ blooms in each 6" plant decorated with foil. Upon placing your order, please make your checks payable to Friedens U.C.C. for the proper amount and put "Lilies" in the memo section. Fill out the order information form and email it to the Church Office or place the form in the offering plate or turn the form into the Church Office. Order forms are also located in the Narthex.

Deadline to order lilies is TODAY.

Celebration Center Dedication & Open House ~ February 23 Dedication in the Fellowship Hall after Worship with Open House tours in the Celebration Center.

Emergency Warming Center at St. John UCC-St. Charles. They are looking for both men and women's boots. "Last night it was heartbreaking to see the conditions of these individuals shoes and the bags they have tied around their feet in an attempt to keep them warm. While we are grateful the roads are clear, the sidewalks are not... which makes for soggy toes and no one likes soggy toes!" If you have any adult boots you are willing to donate they would be appreciated. They are also always appreciative for any other donations of hats, gloves, socks, pants, coats, etc. Thank you in advance!!

You can drop them off at John UCC-St. Charles or drop them off in the Well of Hope in the Narthex at Friedens.



Easter Ensemble

I'd like to invite everyone who loves to sing to join our Easter Ensemble. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30 PM (no rehearsal March 5). We'll prepare special music for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. If you're interested, please come see me after the service or email lilyannrice@gmail.com.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ROCK n ROLL BINGO - FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Doors open @ 6:00 pm. ~ Bingo begins @ 6:30 pm.

Tickets are on sale now. Please contact the Church Office email to purchase tickets OR sign up on the church office window. A flyer with details is located on the Church Office window.