

“Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them”
~Elisabeth Elliot



Sunday, May 11, 2025

Music Prelude

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

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Amidst destruction

Blessed be the creators

Amidst despair

Blessed be the nurturers of connection

Amidst cynicism

Blessed be those practicing hope

Amidst cruelty

Blessed be the gentle

Amidst death

Blessed be those with reverence for life

The God of New Life blesses the women and

Those who love compassion and justice.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Gathering “God of Wonders”

Prayer cards are collected during the Hymn.

*Gathering Prayer (unison)

Praise be to women who are our protectors, organizers, educators, and conversationists. Praise be the healers, death doulas, midwives, and caregivers. Praise be the artists, writers, singers, and visionaries. Praise, praise, praise be the children, the playful, the open-hearted, and those who school us in present-moment living. Holy Spirit, guide us towards what is ours to do today. Root us in spiritual practices, that we may be grounded in our work. Remind us that we are part of a web of interdependence; that collective thriving required both steadfast devotion and soulful rest. Thank you for the women who came before and the women who will follow! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Scripture Reading Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16
 Luke 1: 41-45

Children's Moment ~ Honoring the Women of Our Faith

Song of Reflection "O God Whose Steadfast Love"

Sermon "More About Mary and Wisdom" Rev. Tracey Harris

*Hymn of Response "Be Thou My Vision"

Offertory

Holy one, through the ages we have heard your call to bless each other as followers of Jesus. We honor the call through the gifts you have entrusted us to share.

Offering Song "Holy Spirit"

*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 have been called by Jesus to be a community who gives and supports each other. We celebrate women today as your gift to us. Now let us give to support Friedens along with the community as we share what we have received. Amen.

Community Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Faith in Action

*Song of Sending "Shine Jesus Shine"

*Commission and Blessing

Rooted in practice, held in community, blessed by those who have gone before us – we go forth honoring God and each other with our lives.

*Benediction

Music Postlude

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LITURGIST. . . Julie Schippers

ACOLYTE . . . Corey Songer

USHERS. . . Ron Schippers, Volunteer

USHER/CONSISTORY. . . Betty Schippers and Karla Sheffer

DONUT HOUR . . . Ralph & Connie Pickering

NEXT SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR. . . No Donut Hour/CE Sunday

COUNTERS . . . Debbie Ayres and Anna McCurry



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

Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Can Pears
Applesauce
Instant Pudding Mix
Rice
Dry Beans
Hamburger Helper

Tuna Helper
Canned Tuna
Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent
Shampoo/Conditioner
Women's Deodorant
Bar Soap
Adult Toothpaste
Kids Toothpaste

To raise funds to go on the COMO (Columbia) Mission Trip this summer Church Squad will be selling stock. They will be selling stock through May 18. Each person will then receive a postcard from Church Squad while we're away and attend the special dinner we will host when the trip is over so that we can thank each stockholder for their financial support and tell them about what we did. Stock Certificates are \$15 for individuals and \$45 for families.

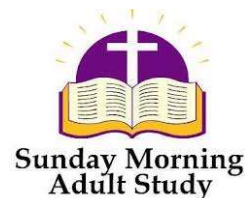


Bible Study



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 Adult Sunday School is
under construction and is not currently
meeting at this time.**



CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, May 17

*Sign-up sheet is located on the Church
Office Window*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY ~ MAY 18

PICNIC @ WAPELHORST PARK @ 10:30 AM

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. NO DONUT HOUR.

MEAT AND DRINKS ARE PROVIDED.

**PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH, SALAD OR DESSERT
TO SHARE.**

**A SIGN-UP SHEET IS LOCATED ON THE CHURCH
OFFICE WINDOW.**

**PLEASE BRING SERVING SPOONS FOR YOUR
DISH/DESSERT. PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIRS
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BINGO, CORNHOLE, ETC.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO CELEBRATE SUMMER
BEGINNINGS.**