

"When you focus on being a blessing, you ensure that you are always blessed in abundance."



Sunday, July 26, 2026

****who are able, please stand)***

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Turn to us and be gracious, O God,

for we love your holy name.

Keep our steps steady, according to your promise,

and never let evil have dominion over us.

Redeem us from oppression,

that we may keep your commandments.

Let your face shine upon us,

and teach us your way of life.

***Song of Gathering** **"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"**

Prayer cards are collected during the Hymn.

***Gathering Prayer (unison)**

O God, whose words light our way, illumine our hearts and minds as we encounter you this day. Help us to be present in all the ways that allow us to enter into your transformative grace, so that when we leave we might be made more whole, more courageous, and more connected to one another in your love; for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace**

The Peace, Joy and Love of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Scripture Reading Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Children's Moment

Song of Reflection "Open Our Eyes Lord"

Sermon "Good Fish, Bad Fish" Pastor Tracey Harris

*Song of Response “I Love to Tell the Story”

Offertory

God treasures our lives. God treasures our faith, even when it seems small. God treasures our prayers. God treasures our worship. God treasures our very beings. All we have is a reflection of God’s glory. Now let us respond to that generosity by returning a portion of the treasures we have been given back to God’s work in this world.

Offering Song “O Great God”

*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)

Holy Spirit, you search the depths of our hearts and minds. You call us not only to give but also to receive your grace. As we present these gifts, draw us nearer to your presence and unite us in the love of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Community Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Faith in Action

*Song of Sending “Cry of My Heart”

*Commission and Blessing

Go into the world to live the life to which you were called. Praise be to Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Benediction

Postlude

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IF YOU PLAN TO ENTER THE BUILDING OR LET SOMEONE ELSE INTO THE CHURCH be sure to notify Sharon or Pastor Tracey know about it by text, phone call, or email.



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



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

Canned Pineapple
Yams
Canned Potatoes
Tomato Soup
Pasta Sides
Hamburger Helper

Boxed Pudding
Shampoo
Child toothpaste
Kleenex
Toilet Tissue
Laundry Detergent

Welcome to Friedens UCC. If you are a visitor, we ask you to fill out a visitor card from the pew rack.

Thank you for attending.

Donuts and coffee for all is found downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering helps offset the cost of the donuts.





Friedens Anniversary Sunday ~ 192 Years
Sunday, August 2

FRIEDENS FAMILY EVENT ~ August 9

St. Charles Boathouse tour.

Cost is \$3/person if we have a group of 15 or more;
otherwise, \$7/person and kids under 17 are \$3.
Hours on Sunday are 12-5. The St. Charles Heritage
Museum is temporarily closed and reopens in June.



Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 23 during Children's Moment

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ROCK n ROLL BINGO - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 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.



Rally Day ~ "Love, Faith & Aloha" luau theme

**Pulled Pork & Turkey will be provided along with some
sides and desserts. A sign-up sheet is located on the
Church Office window if you plan to attend.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

