

*"Devote time to prayer,
drawing closer to God and
seeking His guidance for
your life."*



Sunday, August 23, 2026

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

Prelude

*Call to Worship

If the Lord had not been with us,

**our enemies would have destroyed us and the
floods would have swept us away.**

Blessed be the Lord,

who has not forsaken us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

maker of heaven and earth.

*Hymn of Gathering "The Solid Rock"

Prayer cards are collected during the Hymn.

*Gathering Prayer (unison)

**Holy God, through baptism you save us from sin and evil and deliver us from
death. Nourish us at your table and train us for your service, that we may help to
set others free; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace

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

And also with you!

Scripture Reading Psalm 124
Matthew 16: 13-20

Children's Moment ~ Blessing of the Backpacks

Song of Reflection "The Church's One Foundation" Black Hymnal, Vs 1, 3, 4

Sermon "Who Are You" Pastor Tracey Harris

*Song of Response "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Offertory

We all have different gifts, but we are members of one body. We are called to present ourselves as a living offering, holy and acceptable to God. This is our spiritual worship. Let us offer our lives and our gifts to God, the giver of life.

Offering Song “Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

*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)

Generous God, you gift us with a variety of talents and call us into service together. As we offer our resources today, unite us in mission and purpose. May our gifts bring transformation and renewal to the lives of others through the ministry of your Church. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Community Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Faith in Action

*Song of Sending “Sing to the King”

*Commission and Blessing

Now go forth in faith to share your gifts, seeking the will of God in the world.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Benediction

Postlude

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DONUT HOUR . . . Connections

NEXT SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR . . . Debbie Ayres

COUNTERS . . . Debbie Ayres and Anna McCurry



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

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.



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

Help Our Young People Grow in Faith!

We're looking for caring volunteers to help teach Sunday school and share God's love with the children and youth of our church.

We especially need:

- Regular teachers for our preschool class
 - Regular teachers for our older youth
 - Substitute teachers who can step in when a scheduled teacher is unable to be there
- Volunteers should be willing to become familiar with the curriculum and spend time preparing each lesson. No previous teaching experience needed! We'll make sure you have the materials, guidance, and support you need—you do not have to do it alone. If you enjoy encouraging young people and would like to serve as a regular or substitute teacher, please let us know. Your time and care can make a lasting difference!



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.



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

Sunday, September 13 after Worship

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

