"The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God will protect you."

Friedens UCC

Sunday, October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

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

Prelude

*Call to Worship

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hears be acceptable to the Lord,

for God is our rock and redeemer.

*Hymn of Gathering "Holy, Holy, Holy" Red Hymnal #1, Vs. 1,3, 4

Prayer cards are collected during the Hymn.

*Gathering Prayer (unison)

God our deliverer, as you revealed your law to Moses at Mount Sinai, reach us to worship you alone and to keep your commandments, that we live by our faith and be faithful as your people. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

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

And also with you!

Scripture Reading Isaiah 5: 1-7
Matthew 21: 33-46

Children's Moment

Song of Reflection "Speak O Lord"

Sermon "Wisdom for the Way" *Intro to Theo Of Golden Series* Pastor Tracey Harris

*Song of Response "How Firm a Foundation"

Offertory

Whatever gains we might possess, we regard these as loss compared to the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ our Lord. With great thanksgiving for the grace of Jesus Christ let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offering Song "Here I Am to 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)

Holy God, you guide us to live lives of honesty, justice, and peace. As we present our offerings, may our giving reflect our desire to walk in your ways. Use these gifts to further your kingdom of love. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table
The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer
The Words of Institution and Blessing of the Elements
Call to the Table
Passing of the Elements ***Please know that the inner circle of cups is grape juice***
Sharing of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion Song "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

Community Prayer

Faith in Action

*Song of Sending "Our God Saves"

*Commission and Blessing

You have heard the commandments of God. Go and let your life bear witness to the saving word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Benediction

Postlude

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IF YOU PLAN TO ENTER THE CHURCH BUILDING OR YOU LET SOMEONE ELSE INTO THE CHURCH please be sure to notify Sharon or Pastor Tracey 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 THE BLACK CONTAINER OUTSIDE OF THE VESTIBULE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Pears
Pie filling
Yams
Cereal
Tomato Soup
Spaghetti Noodles
Rice
Pancake mix
Saltines
Toilet Tissue
Kleenex
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 are found downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering helps offset the cost of the donuts.

Help Our Young People Grow in Faith!

No previous teaching experience needed! Curriculum is provided & is easy to use! 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. 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!

Trunk-or-Treat, Sunday October 25 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!

If you are interested in learning livestream, sound, or power point, additional volunteers are needed to help fill in. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Thank you!