***Announcements***

**In our calendar -**  **March 5th –** Ladies Aid @ Noon

 Ash Wednesday Service 2pm

  **March 9th –** Lenten Book Study @ 9am

  **March 12th –** Community Meal 4-6pm

**February Birthdays:** Ainsley Zimmerman – Feb. 7th, Larry Jensen – Feb. 16th, Joel Zimmerman – Feb. 22nd

**February Anniversaries:** Barb and Greg Held – Feb. 22nd

**In our prayers:**  Margie, Tammy, Lee, Glen, Therese Canfield, Toni, Betty, the people of Ukraine, Bruce, Mary’s neighbors, Becca Oden, Tracey Peterson, Stacy Hall, Vicky, Judy, Philip, Kip, Barb’s friends Rita and Chuck, Barb’s friend’s grandson Noah, the Ray Family, Kris Albert, the people of Israel, Gaza, and all innocent lives caught in the line of fire, those battling cancer, Janice, Kathy’s mother and family, Doug, Lisa, Lee White, families mourning loss due to gun violence, those harmed by recent hurricanes, floods, and disasters, Desmond, Greg’s Brother, Barb’s. sister’s friend, Karen, Bonnie’s Son-in-law Steve, Charlotte’s sister, Californians, Baby Thomas, Judy’s newest Grandson Lincoln, Kimmy’s niece and nephew, Alyssa Degner

**Prayer of the Week:**

Lord, I pray for the grace to remember You in every moment of my week. Help me to acknowledge Your presence, seek Your guidance, and honor You in my thoughts, words, and actions. May my entire week be an act of worship to You. I commit this week to Your loving hands, trusting that Your plan for me is perfect. Amen.

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**February 23rd, 2025**

**10:30 am Worship**

*\*Please rise if you are able at these points in the service*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome, Church Announcements and Special Concerns
Prelude and Time of Quiet Reflection**

 **\*Call to Worship**

L: Come, Beloved, and release your frenzied fear.
**P: We come, trusting the enduring promises of the Holy One.**
L: Let meekness rise as strength of soul.
**P: May our promised inheritance of love shine brightly all around.**
L: May it strengthen us in our waiting and our working.
**P: May all that is evil wither, and all that is good grow to fullness.**
L: May the grace of God rest on us all as we gather.

**\*Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" **No. 618**

**Opening Prayer** (*Unison*)

**Holy Love, bear in us a new beginning. Soften our hearts and still our minds into Your gracious embrace. Hold the worries and wanderings of our lives. Gift us with the renewing energy of Your Holy Spirit. Let it meet our fatigue and form in us a deepened commitment to your vision of the beloved community. Yes, mold us with Christ-love into agents of Your blessing, for the good of the world. May the cup of our lives run over with this of Your desire. In Your Holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**  Luke 6:27-38

**Hymn** “Spirit of the Living God” *Twice*  **No. 259**

**Message**

**Hymn** “Pass It On" **No. 477**

**Prayers of the People**

 **Silent Prayer**

 **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give**

**us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but**

**deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and**

**the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Offering Invitation**

**\*Response No.46**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*Unison*)
**Bless these gifts by the power of your Spirit, O God. May**

**someone near or far receive grace and hope for living because**

**of what we share here today. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** “Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated” vs 1,5,6 **No. 609**

**\*Benediction**

May you be blessed with the courage to interrupt revenge with love.
May you be strengthened with a gratitude that freely shares with others. May you discover again and again the merciful embrace of the Holy One. And may the love of God, empower you to help change the world with forgiveness. Blessings on you all! **Amen.**

**\*Closing**  "Go in Peace"

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day,**

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

 **Celebrate and share the joy, Celebrate new life,**

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

**\*Postlude**