***Announcements***

**In our calendar -** **March 23rd** – Lenten Book Study @ 9am

 **March 30th** – Lenten Book Study @ 9am

 One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

**March Birthdays:** Mary Nowaczyk – March 1; Sharon White & Nele Leiterman– March 15; Margie Ruid – March 25;

**In our prayers:**  Margie, Tammy, Therese Canfield, the people of Ukraine, Stacy Hall, Kip, Barb’s friends Rita and Chuck, the Ray Family, the people of Israel, Gaza, and all innocent lives caught in the line of fire, those battling cancer, Janice, Lee White, families mourning loss due to gun violence, those harmed by recent hurricanes, floods, and disasters, Desmond, Barb’s sister’s friend, Karen, Charlotte’s sister, Californians, Baby Thomas, Judy’s newest Grandson, Alyssa Degner, Beverly Burrill, Bonnie’s daughter Susan, Chris & Claudie, Merlin Zimmerman, tornado victims, Lorie and her family

**Prayer of the Week:**

Sovereign God, though you are ruler of all, we confess we have rebelled and still rebel against your rule. Grant us the grace of repentance, that we may offer ourselves, more and more, as those who not only pray for your kingdom to come but also and especially work to do your will, for the sake of and following in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen

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**March 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**

**Food Pantry guests**

**Prelude and Time of Quiet Reflection**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God!
**P: We seek God’s presence in our lives.**L: Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.
**P: Even though we have not produced the “fruits” of hope that God seeks, yet God forgives and heals our weakness.**L: Rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!
**P: We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God’s presence. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn** “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”  **No. 461**

**Opening Prayer (*Unison*)**

**Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**Gospel Reading**  Luke 13:1-9

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

**Message**

**\*Hymn** “My Faith looks Up to Thee” **No. 576**

**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 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” No. 540**

**\*Benediction**

God has called you to bear witness to hope and goodness. Know that you have been healed of all that prevents you from serving God. Go forth with God’s love and blessing to bring Good News to this hurting world. **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**