

Calendar

TODAY - Lenten Book Study 5pm

24 - Worship 9am

Announcements

Special thank you to Barbara Huisman for leading our worship today!

Prayer group will meet every Thursday night at 7pm

The PNC is asking for your input:

Q.1 What is the most important thing you would like to see in a pastor?

Q2. What is one thing you would like to see added or changed with our Sunday Service?

Prayers

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WE INVITE EVERYONE TO
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP
FOLLOWING OUR SERVICE!



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*please stand if able

Thank you for choosing to
worship with us today...
We are glad you are here!

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Think About His Love

Call to Worship

We gather on a day like any other day.

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Come, friends in Christ, touch and feel and taste and smell the sacred in this day.

For this is the day which our Creator God has made: Let us rejoice and be oh, so glad in it.

*Opening Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*Opening Prayer

Guided by your revelation, we are compelled to seek your wisdom as we continue the Lenten journey. We are filled with awesome wonder that you would love us so, trust us so, and move within us. Now fill our spirits with hope, humility, and resolve, that we might be your will in the world. Open our hearts to accept this call upon our lives. May our sacred service be pleasing in your sight. **Amen.**

Memory Verse

1 Samuel 2:2b

There is no Rock like our God!

Call to Confession

In the season of Lent we are invited to consider how we live as followers of Christ – to look at our decisions and our actions straight on, and to hold them up to the example of Christ, and to make amends. In this time of silence, and in our prayer together, let us look at our lives.

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

**Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:
Hear our prayer.**

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.**

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You.**

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen. (now for a short time of quiet reflection)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Congregational Response

“Amazing Grace”

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon

Write it Down

Quiet time of reflection

*Statement of Faith

Prayers of the people followed by The Lord's Prayer

Worship Through Giving

*Closing hymn

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

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Blessed Be The Tie That Binds please gather and join hands

*Benediction

Wherever we are, God has put us there. God has a purpose in us being there. Christ who lives in us has something he wants to do through us where we are. We believe this and we go in grace, love and power.

Postlude