Calendar

- 3 Blood Drive 1-6 pm
- 8 Worship 9am

Announcements

A special thank you to Neal Bunn for leading our worship today.

Prayers

Paul Eekhoff-healing Karen Chapman-healing Ted Bunn-healing

Happy Birthday

01 - Steve Peters 17 - Frank Sharp

02 - Mary Steiner 17 - Courtney Studer

08 - Iris Eriksen 26 - Kaeden Langfitt

08 - Stephanie Stroud 27 - Chris Sharp

10 - Jill Watne

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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 How Firm a Foundation

<u>Call to worship</u> Based on Isiah 55

Leader: From north and south and east and west, **People: all Creation sings forth your praises!**Leader: The mountains and the hills burst into song; **People: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Leader: Your steadfast love never ceases.

All: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

*Opening Hymn Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me #366

*Opening prayer

God of all nations, you have poured out your blessings upon all the peoples of the earth. Grant us eyes to see your gifts of faith and love. Appoint us as heralds of your mercies that are new every morning. Empower us to write the vision of your peaceable kingdom, where destruction and violence are no more, where suffering and wars shall cease. Through our worship empower us to be sent out with joy as bearers of your hope in a hurting world; through Christ. Amen.

Memory verse

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Romans 12:9

Prayer of confession and reconciliation

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love and self-discipline — that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

*Congregational Response

"Amazing Grace"

Scripture

John 15:1-8

Sermon

Quiet time of reflection

Prayers of the people

Worship Through Giving

Celebration of Communion

*Sending Hymn I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #369

Blessed Be The Tie That Binds

Benediction

Let us be aware of all the blessings that surround us, Let us recognize all that God has given us, Let us be inspired to pass our good fortune on to others, And let us give Thanks to our Father in Heaven by going forth praising His name.

Postlude

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US
FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
FOLLOWING THER SERVICE