



March 2, 2025

"The Dream is to remember who we are and what matters most to us in the midst of chaos and conflict, to hold ourselves to a higher standard of engagement than the culture in which we live, and to love in ways that mystify our neighbors on the chance it will do a little good." Barbara Brown Taylor

Prelude

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

O God, You know our lives as they are. You come, to help us with the challenges we face every day. **You give us strength, and choices, to follow a different, better way.** With Your presence bolstering us, we can live with less fear and anxiety. **We can be a source of peace, hope, love, and faith in the world.**

***Hymn of Praise #31**

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation :

O Lord, no matter what we go through, Your presence gives us strength. No matter how we struggle, You accept us and help us without conditions. **Come with restoration and renewal to help us continue the journey towards love, justice, and truth. Amen.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

O God, your Spirit helps us to learn and make progress; with empowerment to keep becoming Christ's disciples. **With your love and grace supporting us, we can learn to live according to your ways.**

***Response of Praise #748**

Go with Us, Lord

Service of Ordination: Cliff Williams

Litany:

There are different gifts, **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.** There are different ways of serving God, **But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.** Each one is given a gift by the Spirit to use it for the common good. **Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of him.**

Introductory Statement, Introduction, Constitutional Questions, Prayer, Declaration

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Light has shined in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **We are gathered together, so that the Spirit may illumine the ways that lead to life, and peace, for all people.** This is the peace Christ has come to provide. **This is the peace we share together, and with our neighbor.** Peace be with us all! **And also with you!**

Ministry of Music

Evan O'Donovan

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Message

Pastor Ed

*Hymn of Faith #754

Help Us, Accept Each Other

Celebrating Passion Enterprises

Hearing about what God has done in each other's lives is a source of encouragement, and affirms the reality of faith, and prayer and grace. Please come to the lectern and share your testimony so that everyone may see and hear.

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn of Preparation #501

Feed Us, Lord

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

Call to Offering

*Offering Song #710

We are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

*Prayer of Dedication

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*Hymn of Response #750

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Evan O'Donovan

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Announcements

Thank you to Cheryl Anne Cammann & Susan Krivenko for running the projector & camera!

Join our Worship Support Team! For more information; ask the pastor or the technicians or call the church office.

Ash Wednesday Service

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 5th at 7:30 pm. The service will offer the opportunity to renew one's faith and our commitment to God. If there are people who will be attending virtually, they may wish to have (water and/ or ashes) available. Come and mark the beginning of this holy season!

The Chosen Season 4

Our next meeting date will be March 16th. I hope you are able to join in the discussion! - Diane

Full-time Live-In Needed

Tracie Wiebush is looking for someone to care for her father who will be 86 shortly. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please email the church office.

Next Town Hall meeting will be on Sunday, March 30th.

Next Manse Fireside Chat @ 7 pm is in March on Friday, the 14th.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSONS OF THE WEEK

Carlos Allende & Erwin Altona

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lauris & Cindy, Helene, Pete S., Michele P., Daphne P., Barbara O. & family, Major A. & family, LJ & Corinne, Helen, Logan, Harper, Helene & Diane, Dorothy R., Amy, Avril Muller & family, Alyne B., Carlos B., Savannah B.

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