

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are beloved. We all have gifts that God uses to spread peace and justice in our world.

People: This is who we are. This is what we believe. This is the center from which we work and worship.

*Hymn — “Be Thou My Vision” *(lyrics on screen)*

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Glorious God,

People: we are often not the Easter People we ought be, living joyously in the certain knowledge of your great mercy and love. We are distracted by the world around us and fail to hear your voice. We often hide when our faith is challenged because we wander off the path. Forgive us, we pray. Restore the love that we first had and a faith that can endure. Help us keep our eyes fixed on you so that we might be disciples who do no harm, who do good and who stay in love with you. Thank you for your grace and peace. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Retirement Recognition of the Rev. Cathie Bishop *(see insert)*

Scripture

Sermon – *God is Moving*

*Affirmation of Faith, The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn — “Open My Eyes” *(lyrics on screen)*

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.**

Offering

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

People: We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

Communion Service

Necrology Service *(see insert)*

*Hymn — “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” *(lyrics on screen)*

*Benediction

Necrology Report, 2024 Spring Presbytery Meeting

Recognition of Retirement of the Rev. Cathie Bishop

OPENING SENTENCES

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy
and loving-kindness;**

who satisfies you with good things,

and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

INVITATION

PRAYER

BLESSING

Church Name	Name	Position	Date of Installation	Date of Death
West Fargo	Delores Horn	Ruling Elder	01-25-1981	06-02-2023
West Fargo	Louise Johnson	Ruling Elder	01-21-1977	01-29-2023
Casselton	Norma Warrey	Ruling Elder	02-01-1976	01-12-2023
Casselton	Janice McLean	Deacon	02-09-1997	03-07-2023
Casselton	Cleone Runck	Ruling Elder	02-01-1976	12-28-2023
Jamestown	Erna Schwind	Deacon	01-05-1992	06-07-2023
Jamestown	Robert K. Muhs	Ruling Elder	01-22-1984	07-24-2023
Jamestown	Rae Ann Paulson	Ruling Elder	02-10-2013	08-31-2023
Bismarck	Bernard Schue	Deacon	2008	01-07-2023
Bismarck	Arley Gallup	Deacon	1995, 2002	01-10-2023
Bismarck	Nils Pearson	Deacon Ruling Elder	1997 01-16-2000	01-11-2023
Bismarck	Lu Dunn	Ruling Elder	01-30-1977	03-09-2023
Bismarck	Betty Aide	Deacon	2008	03-11-2023
Bismarck	Delores Dullum	Deacon	1986	03-15-2023
Bismarck	John Sakariassen	Ruling Elder	01-23-2011	03-26-2023
Bismarck	Stanley Halling	Ruling Elder	02-01-1976	05-10-2023
Bismarck	Sigrid Bucklin	Ruling Elder	01-30-1977	08-03-2023
LaMoure	Roger Feiken	Ruling Elder	2000	02-19-2023
Hallock	Michael Mattson	Deacon	12-28-2008	03-16-2023
Tower City	Jeanne Rice	Ruling Elder	02-10-2002	03-01-2024
Devils Lake	Dr. R. Donald McBane	Trustee	12-08-1963	06-19-2023
Fargo	Jack Evert	Ruling Elder	1960	04-28-2023
Fargo	Helen Hansen	Ruling Elder	05-08-1988	06-24-2023