

# Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.

October 20, 2024

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our minds ponder the manifold works of God!

C: **Our spirits soar amid the wonders of creation!**

L: It is God who shares with us wisdom and understanding,

C: **We depend on God for meaning and purpose to our lives.**

All: **We gather to worship and praise our Lord, we reach out for God's direction for our lives.**

\*HYMN #21 UCC *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of glory, as we come together unite us as Your people. Proclaim Your love to us through the word, music, and meditation. Help us to see one another near and far as brothers and sisters in Christ. Inspire us to lives of service. Show us how to reflect Your love to those we encounter. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are a wayward people, O God. We often seek our own honor and glory, rather than seeking to honor You. We have not loved one another as You would have us. Rather than following You more closely, we seek our own control. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to seek the fullness of life You offer and how we can reflect Your love to others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE

## \*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

## CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #278 SS *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

## OFFERTORY

\*We Give Thee But Thine Own UCC #351

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, accept these gifts and our talents for Your kingdom. Take what we offer and use them to bless others. Help make us a people more willing to share the good news of the kingdom through our words and actions. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)**

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 10: 35-45

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**MESSAGE**

**\*HYMN *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?* (screen)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

A Sunday School class began last week for Pre-K through Grade 2. After the children's sermon, children meet their teacher in the church entryway to go to the church hall. Parents can pick up their children there after church. Classes for Grade 3 to confirmation age are unchanged. This is a pilot program until Dec. 22. Interest will be evaluated after Christmas.

This is a reminder to everyone to make sure you are registered to vote. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.

November-December Upper Rooms are available in the vestibule.

Zion Church of Ursa will host their Annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be carryout only. The menu includes salad, baked chicken, noodles, mashed potatoes, and more. See bulletin strip for more info.

The Men's Event is Sunday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. Hancock Co. Sgt. Brock Landis will present with his K-9 dog, Zaire. To plan for food, please soft RSVP to Tami Roskamp by Monday, Oct. 28. The menu is fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, lettuce salad, rolls, & drinks. We are looking for ten pies; there is a pie sign-up sheet on the bulletin strip (southeast room of church). If you'd like to help serve, please contact Tami Roskamp (217-242-5917) or Kathy Hoener (217-430-7507).

SAVE THE DATES:

- Men's Event: Sunday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.
- Visitation Sunday: Sunday, December 29

Shirley Roskamp is greeter today, Jane Roskamp next week. Thanks to the greeter, Pastor Joel, the musician, AV tech - all who helped with the service.

WELCOME ALL! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register and come again.

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