

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.

January 12, 2025

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29; 1-2;
11)

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of the mighty,

C: **Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

L: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name;

C: **Worship the Lord in holy array!**

All: **The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people
with peace.**

*HYMN #31 SS *Sunshine in the Soul*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Holy God, may Your word continue to grow in us as we enter this new year.
Strengthen Your dwelling place in us as we gather to sing Your praises, hear Your
word, and go forth into Your creation as Your humble servants. Lead us to live
lives that grow in wisdom towards You. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess our human weakness before You. So much of the time we seek to protect ourselves by surrounding ourselves with things that take us away from the hard work of faith. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to remember that true joy is found in You. Open our hearts to the things that are everlasting, knowing that the richness of spirit is far more valuable than anything else. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

CHILDREN'S TIME

*OFFERTORY #351 UCC *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

All we have is from You, O God. Please receive our gifts and use them and us to minister to others. Help us to serve others in Your name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 41-52

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

HYMN #485 SS *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN #145 SS *Whiter Than Snow*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

Bethany UCC's Annual Meeting is next Sunday, Jan. 19, with a carry-in dinner at the hall after church, followed by the meeting. If you have not already, please send ALL annual reports for the 2024 year for the auditors and Annual Meeting to either Lance Roskamp or Kevin Schrader as soon as possible.

The Ursa Retreat House will serve breakfast this coming Saturday, Jan. 18, 7-11 a.m. at Unity High School. The menu includes pancakes and toppings, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice, and milk. There

will be a 50-50 raffle: \$5 per entry or \$10 for 3. Contact Kevin Beck for more info.

SAVE THE DATES:

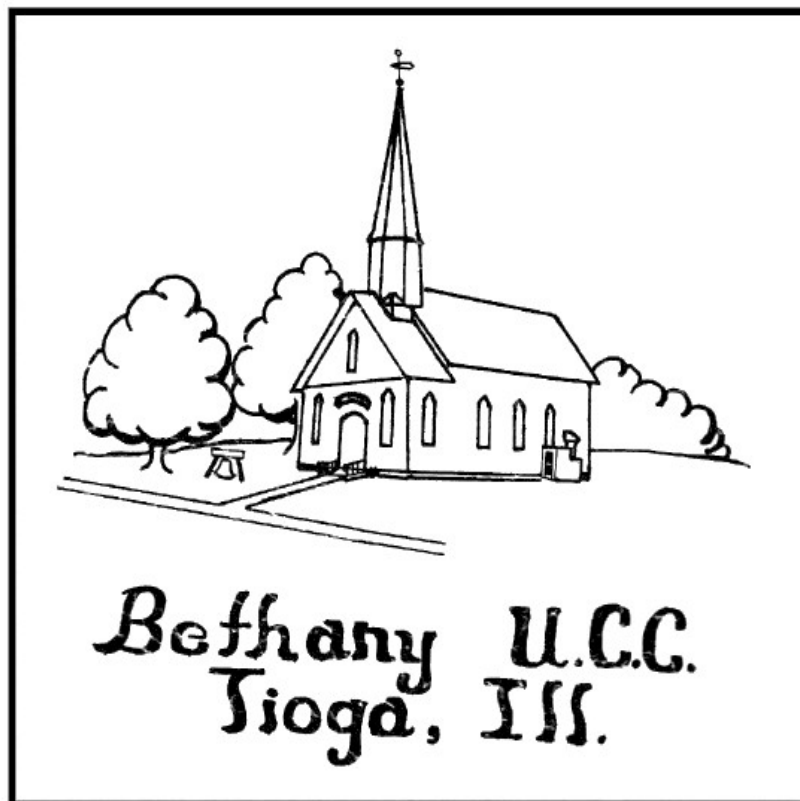
- Church Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 19, after church

Steve Mulch is greeter today. 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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