

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.

March 9, 2025

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 51: 10-12 KJV)

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: **And renew a right spirit within me.**

L: Cast me not away from Thy presence

C: **And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

All: **Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

*HYMN #13 UCC *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We give You thanks, O God, that You call us as Your people. Restore us in body and spirit, so that we may live with caring hearts toward all. During our Lenten journey keep our eyes on our crucified Lord Jesus. May we live faithfully, trusting in You. Let our mission together as Your people be centered on what Christ has done for us. Keep our hearts and minds focused with Your unity and purpose. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and forgiveness, we are lost without You in our lives. Often we go our own way, desiring what we want. We don't live the lives You intend, not recognizing Your desire to be in a fuller relationship with You. Have mercy on us and forgive us, we pray. Create in us clean hearts, O God. Help us to follow Christ more closely. May our Lenten journeys build upon a new and right spirit within us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pre-K to Grade 2 children dismiss to church entryway for Sunday School

HYMN #234 UCC *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

You have blessed us with so much, Generous God. Use our lives and the resources You have given us to always glorify You. Unite us in our journey of faith, that we may strengthen and support one another. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Matthew 6: 19-23

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

*HYMN #288 UCC *Be Thou My Vision*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

Megan and Gregory Hoener welcomed Isabella June Marie into the world this past Friday, March 7. She weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces, measuring 18 and 3/4 inches. Congratulations!

The Maundy Thursday service will be here at Bethany UCC in Tioga at 7 p.m. on April 17. The Good Friday service will be at Bethlehem UCC in Sutter at 7 p.m. on April 18.

Women's Bible Study will continue studying "Prayer" on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Confirmation/Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday at Bethany: Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.
- Good Friday at Bethlehem: Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.
- Church moves to 10 a.m.: Sunday, June 1, and weeks after
- Bible School: Friday, June 27
- Retreat House Sunday: Sunday, July 20

Marian Bland is greeter today, Delinda Mulch 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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