

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 118)

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

C: **I shall give thanks to You, oh Lord, for You have answered me, and You have become my salvation.**

L: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C: **This is the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes!**

L: Blessed is the one who come in the name of the Lord;

C: **The Lord is God; He has given us light.**

All: **Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His loving kindness is everlasting!**

*HYMN #123 UCC *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, help us to empty ourselves before You so there will be more room for Your entrance into our minds and hearts. We give thanks for Your steadfast love that endures forever. That love, expressed in the life of Jesus has been demonstrated to us in many ways. Guide our thoughts and actions so we may appreciate and serve You everyday. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, on this holy day, we pause to remember all the events of the week ahead. We remember the times when we have been faithful and loyal to You. But we also remember those times we have abandoned You. We ask Your forgiveness for our lack of trust and loyalty. Help us no matter what life throws at us to walk with Jesus. Give us courage and strength to face our trials and stand by You. In Jesus' name 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

O God, with grateful hearts we return a portion back to the mission of this church. Strengthen our courage to follow You more closely in the days ahead. Give us a willingness to trust You with every aspect of our lives. Remind us constantly how we are Your people, called to serve. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19: 28-40

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

HYMN *In Remembrance* (screen)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN #124 UCC *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* (tune #76)

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

We celebrate with joy the confirmation of Emma Lynn Morey and Connor Lee Roskamp today. Please share your congratulations in the receiving line after the service today.

Confirmation Class Statement of Faith

We believe in God, our Father almighty. God is the creator of heaven, earth, and all things.

We believe that Jesus was God's only son, that was crucified to save us from our sins. We believe Christ taught people about God and heaven.

God has given us the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us learn to be faithful people.

We believe that we are called to serve God and others.

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

This year's theme for Bible School is Dare to Daniel with a focus on prayer. If you'd like to help with meals, snacks, lessons, crafts, music, group activities, or anything else, please contact Pastor Joel Schlatter or Tami Roskamp.

Living Water performs at 2 p.m. TODAY, April 13, at the Nauvoo Theatre. See the bulletin strip for more information.

SAVE THE DATES:

- 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

Jared Roskamp is greeter today, Steve 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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