

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
April 27, 2025

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 118)

L: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good;

C: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

L: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

C: **The Lord answered me and set me in a safe place.**

L: The Lord is for me; I will not fear;

C: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

All: **It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.**

*HYMN #309 UCC *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God our creator, our redeemer and our sustainer, You call us to witness to Your unending grace and power. You have given us the greatest gift in the resurrection of Jesus. Renew in us the presence and hope of the living Christ in every aspect of our lives. Strengthen our commitment to You to witness with all our heart, all our mind, all our spirit and all our strength. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come before You, O God, confessing the ways we have failed to live as Easter people this week. Forgive us for wandering from You in self-sufficiency as we try to create a life turned away from You. Through the restoring power of the risen Lord Jesus, bring us back to You and grant us forgiveness and new life. Through Your Spirit lead us that we might follow Your will. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #344 SS *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, we give thanks for all Your gifts in our lives. May we always be good stewards of all You have given. We return a portion back to You for the mission of the this church and the gospel. Help us to give of ourselves to this mission also. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

HYMN #307 UCC *Now Thank We All Our God*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

There is no Bible Study tomorrow or next week. It will resume Monday, May 12.

Women's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m. The program will be presented by Linda Savage.

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 or Tami Roskamp.

May-June Upper Rooms are available in the church entryway.

The Quincy Concert Band Woodwind Chamber Ensemble performs a free concert TODAY at 4 p.m. at the Congregational Church at 12th and Maine in Quincy as part of the Sunday Music Series.

SAVE THE DATES:

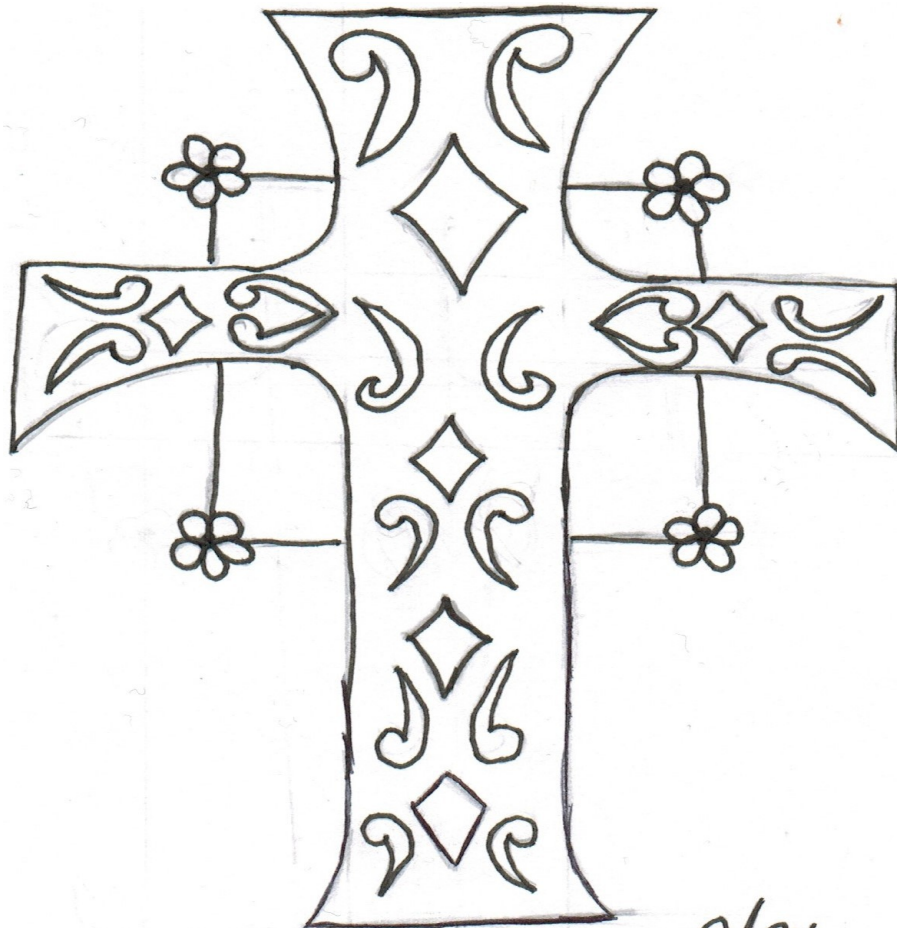
- Church moves to 10 a.m.: Sunday, June 1, and weeks after
- Bible School: Friday, June 27
- Retreat House Sunday: Sunday, July 20

Bruce Roskamp is greeter today, Marian Bland 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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