

# Bethany United Church of Christ

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*As you prepare your heart for worship it might be helpful to read through the call to worship and the prayer of confession and think about them.*

Prelude and Bell Ringing  
Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship (from Psalm 135)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,

Congregation: give praise, O servants of the LORD!

L: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

**C: sing to his name, for it is pleasant!**

L: For I know that the LORD is great,

**C: and that our Lord is above all gods.**

L: Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,

**C: in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.**

L: Your name, O LORD, endures forever,

**C: your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #35 "O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, forgive us. We sort of bump along through life, unaware of many of our sins. We fail to do things you want us to do, and we say and do many things we should not. We resist the changes you would have us make in our lives, and in all of these ways we sin. Forgive us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us more aware each day of our sins; not to make us feel bad or guilty, but to help us be more faithful disciples of your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*GLORIA PATRI

Invitation to the Children (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

Children's time

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

Scripture

Old Testament lesson – Isaiah 43

New Testament lesson – John 12:1-8

Sermon “Something Old, Something New”

\*Hymn of Response #266 “How Firm a Foundation”

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Commitment #148 (SS) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*Charge and Benediction

**Amen! We go forth to serve.**

\*Choral Response: “God Be with You” #177 (SS) (v. 1)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – Rev. Darwin Smith

Confirmation will take place during the Palm Sunday service next week, April 13.

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.

Living Water will perform “Hymns of Holy Week, Songs of Easter” at 2 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 13, at the Nauvoo Theatre. The event features

scripture and messages. Those interested in joining the back-up choir should contact Michael Haas at 309-221-1401. See the bulletin strip for more info.

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

Diane Schrader is greeter today, Jared Roskamp next week. Thanks to the greeter, Rev. Smith, 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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