

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
May 4, 2025

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 30 1-4; 10-12)

L: I will extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up,

C: **and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.**

L: O Lord, my god, I cried to You for help and You healed me.

C: **O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;**

L: Sing praise to the Lord, and give thanks to His holy name.

C: **Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me; O Lord be my helper.**

All: **You have turned my mourning into dancing; You have loosened my sackcloth
and girded me with gladness, my soul praises You and will not be silent!**

*HYMN #19 UCC *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Almighty and Eternal God, fill us with Your Spirit as we gather for this time of
worship and fellowship. As we read and hear Your word, inspire us again. Free us
from all that separates us from You. Teach us to perceive and receive Your desires
for us with open and grateful hearts. Inspire us in the mission of Jesus, our risen
Lord. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, how quickly we can put aside the work of discipleship. How quickly we
return to our own ways without You as the driving force in our lives. Forgive us, we pray,
for the many tasks we avoid and all duties we leave undone. Open our eyes and hearts to
the needs before us. Transform us into the disciples needed for the opportunities that come
our way. 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**

Gracious God, You are the source of all things and You have entrusted us as Your stewards. Receive these gifts that we offer as a symbol of thankfulness and as a pledge to the mission of this church. Guide us to transform ourselves into more faithful disciples. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 21: 1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

HYMN #226 SS *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #323 SS *Standing on the Promises

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

There is no Bible Study tomorrow. It will resume next Monday.

Women's Fellowship will meet this 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 Be a 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.

SAVE THE DATES:

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

- Retreat House Sunday:

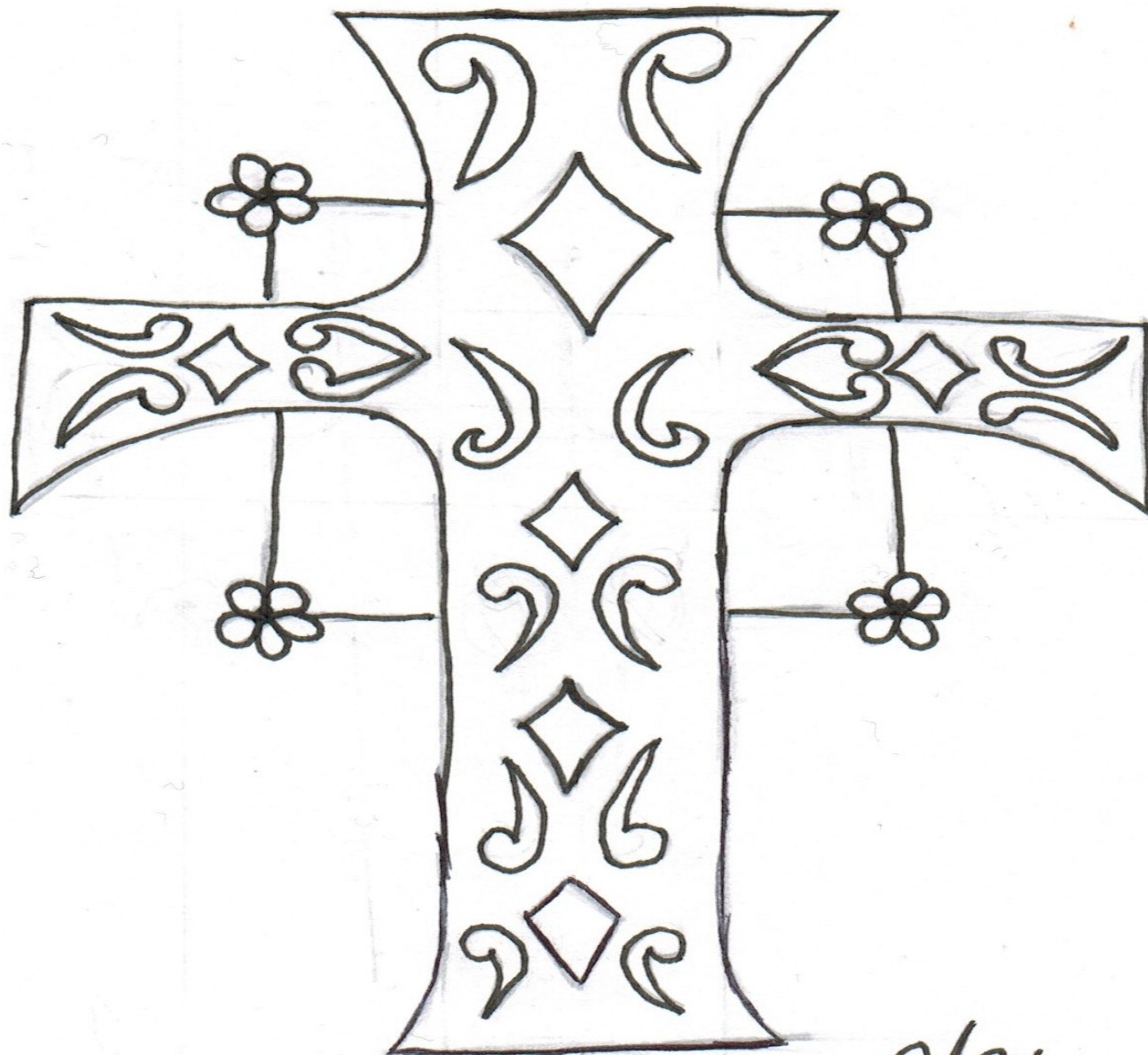
Sunday, July 20

Marian Bland is greeter today, Shirley Roskamp 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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