

# Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.

June 1, 2025

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 97)

L: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad!

C: **The heavens proclaim His righteousness and all the peoples see His glory!**

L: All who worship images are put to shame,

C: **For You, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.**

L: Let those who love the Lord despise what is evil,

C: **Light and joy is shed upon the righteous and upright in heart.**

All: **Rejoice in the Lord always! Praise His Holy name!**

\*HYMN #30 UCC *All Creatures of Our God and King*

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**We give thanks, O God, for the life, teachings, sacrifice, and resurrection of Your Son. In Him we give You praise. In Him we live. May we continue to be guided by all that Christ taught. Strengthen the work of the Spirit in our lives. Help us to persevere in what You call us to do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, much too often we fail to hear Your voice and followed Your plan for us. We are easily distracted and do what is more convenient for us. We have not been the faithful servants we have been called to be. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us courage to act at the opportunities You present to us to share the gospel. Inspire us and lead us into more service. In Your name, we pray. 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*

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

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**All that we have and all that we are is by Your grace alone, O Lord. Through these gifts and the efforts of ourselves, empower us to be blessings to others. Open our eyes to the possibilities of the work of the gospel in our everyday lives. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 17: 20-26

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

HYMN #186 UCC *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN #449 SS *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

\*BENEDICTION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

Next Sunday, June 8, is Pentecost. Don't forget to wear red!

There will be a special congregational meeting following the service next Sunday to discuss siding and window bids for the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Fellowship will meet this coming Wednesday, June 4, at 1:30 p.m. Jane Roskamp will present the program. Linda Savage is hostess.

The Ice Cream Social is Saturday, June 28, from 5-7 p.m.

Women's Bible Study continues tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

This year's theme for Bible School on June 27 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.

The Lima-Tioga Fire Protection District will hold a Catfish Tournament from 4 p.m. Friday, June 13, to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 14. The public is invited 5-8 p.m. Friday to enjoy pork chops, hamburgers, and more and to see firetrucks. Food will also be available Saturday 12-5 p.m. There will be a raffle. See the bulletin strip for pricing and more information.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Congregational Meeting: Sunday, June 8, after church
- Bible School: Friday, June 27
- Ice Cream Social: Saturday, June 28, 5-7 p.m.
- Retreat House Sunday: Sunday, July 20

Teresa Beeler is greeter today, Jim 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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