

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.  
June 15, 2025

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 8)

L: O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

C: **When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained;**

L: What is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

C: **Yet You have made him a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty!**

All: **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

\*HYMN #254 UCC *God of Our Father, Whose Almighty Hand*

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Almighty and Eternal God, You live and reign in the perfect unity of love, embracing us with Your grace. Hold us firm in this faith, so that we may know You in all ways. Enlighten us with Your truth, so that we may witness Your eternal glory. Guide us as Your people so that we can be the body of Christ in the compassion we exercise and the love we embody. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You created the world and deemed it good. You have given us the bounty of the earth and gifted us with wholeness. Yet we confess to You the many times in our lives when we ignore You and Your will for our us. Forgive us, we pray. We need Your continued guidance. Strengthen our walk with You now and direct our steps in the paths You would have us take. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #517 SS *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Holy God, with these gifts we give to the mission of this body of Christ. We also give of ourselves to the opportunities You place before us. Help us to see the needs around us and act in Your love. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Daniel 1: 1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

HYMN #512 SS *Dare to Be a Daniel*

\*BENEDICTION

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

Bible School is Friday, June 27. The theme 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 Ice Cream Social is Saturday, June 28, from 5-7 p.m. There is a dessert sign-up sheet on the bulletin strip.

Visitation Sunday will be August 31. No service will be held at Bethany UCC. All are encouraged to visit another church.

Zion Church of Ursa hosts a fish fry this coming Friday, June 20, 4:30-7:00 p.m. in Ursa Park to support Christian missions. The menu features catfish filets, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce, bread, and cookies. It is \$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 4-10, free for 3 & under. See bulletin strip for more.

The July-August Upper Rooms are available in the entryway.

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

SAVE THE DATES:

- Bible School: Friday, June 27
- Ice Cream Social: Saturday, June 28, 5-7 p.m.
- Retreat House Sunday: Sunday, July 20
- Visitation Sunday: Sunday, August 31

Brad Doyle is greeter today, Jane 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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