

Bethany United Church of Christ

June 22, 2025

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 42)

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams,

Congregation: so longs my soul for you, O God.

L: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

C: When shall I come and appear before God?

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

C: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

L: By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,

C: and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

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Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #5 (SS) "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, forgive us. We are people who pride ourselves in being self-sufficient. One reason we don't like being sick or injured is because we might have to rely on too many other people. We think ourselves weak if we can't do something ourselves or earn whatever we get. This attitude makes it difficult to accept the free gifts you give: forgiveness for our sins, the gift of the gospel, the gift of your Son Jesus, the gifts of the Holy Spirit. And that is where self-sufficiency becomes sin, and sometimes we do not recognize this. Forgive us for our sinful ways of thinking and living, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to open ourselves to the many ways you offer to make us better disciples of your Son Jesus Christ, 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 65:1-9

New Testament lesson – Luke 8:26-39

Sermon “Help: Not Wanted”

*Hymn of Response #467 (SS) “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Commitment #122 (SS) “Unto the Hills”

*Charge and Benediction

Amen! We go forth to serve.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – Rev. Darwin Smith

Bible School is this coming Friday, June 27, starting at 8 a.m. at the Retreat House. The theme is Dare to Be a Daniel with a focus on prayer. Please contact Tami Roskamp or Annette Smith if you would like to provide fresh fruit or cookies for Bible School.

The Ice Cream Social is next weekend on Saturday, June 28, from 5-7 p.m. A dessert sign-up is 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.

The Women's Event brunch will be Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.

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

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

SAVE THE DATES:

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Ice Cream Social: Saturday, June 28, 5-7 p.m.
Retreat House Sunday: Sunday, July 20
Women's Event: Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.
Visitation Sunday: Sunday, August 31

Jane Roskamp is greeter today, Leon Wood 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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