

June 29, 2025

## **PRELUDE AND BELL RINGING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS and CONCERNS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Children of God, welcome!

**People: Welcome to this place of love and grace.**

Leader: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

**People: God invites all of us to share in the good news.**

Leader: We are welcome, just as we are.

**People: We are loved, just as we are.**

**All: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #25 UCC

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to You the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone. We don't turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sins and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. In Jesus' name, we pray. **AMEN.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God's love and faithfulness have been at work in us. We are healed and forgiven. Rejoice in God's love and blossom.

**People: We are forgiven! We are loved! Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE** "*Gloria Patri*"

**INVITATION TO CHILDREN** (*Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**HYMN** "*Just As I Am*" #62 SS

## **OFFERING OF OUR TIME, OUR TREASURES, OUR VERY SELVES**

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

## **\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Because You know us, O God, You are aware of our reluctance to share what we have. But You continue to call us, to challenge us, to use us in the work of Your kingdom. So take these gifts, and continue to call us to faithful lives and generous giving, so that others might be blessed as we are. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: God of mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**            Luke 5:27-32

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**MESSAGE**                    "What A Party!"

**\*CLOSING HYMN**            *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*      #388 SS

**\*DISMISSAL**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY - Guest Speaker Darrell Thompson

Thank you to all who helped with and attended Bible School and the Ice Cream Social this past week!

Women's Fellowship will not have a meeting in July.

Retreat House Sunday is coming up on July 20. Bethany UCC's church service will be held at the Retreat House, 732 County Road 2353 N, Ursa, IL.

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:

- Retreat House Sunday: Sunday, July 20
- Women's Event: Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.
- Visitation Sunday: Sunday, August 31

Leon Wood is greeter today, Leon again next week. Thanks to the greeter, Darrell, 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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