

## Bethany United Church of Christ

July 6, 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 66)

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**Congregation: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

L: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**C: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."**

L: Come and see what God has done:

**C: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**

L: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

**C: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

L: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

**C: and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

L: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**C: But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

**All: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #187 "O God of Earth and Altar"

Call to Confession

Unison Confession of Sin

**Heavenly Father forgive us. Sometimes we worry and fret and even argue and fight about what is happening in our world. We worry about wars and famines and disasters. We criticize or praise leaders and political parties. We worry about the future, and we think we are powerless. We think we are insignificant people in "flyover country," because that is how others view us. We forget that we are yours, you know us by name, you hear our prayers, and you care for us. When we forget such things and worry instead, we sin. Forgive us and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Remind us to speak with you often, to listen to your Word to us, and to remember that everything, including us, is in your hands. We pray in Jesus' name. 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*

Special Music

Scripture

Old Testament lesson - Isaiah 66:10-24

New Testament lesson - Luke 10:1-24

Sermon "We Win"

\*Hymn of Preparation #273 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Commitment #458 (SS) "This Is My Father's World"

\*Charge and Benediction

**Amen! We go forth to serve.**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY - Rev. Darwin Smith

The Strengthen the Church special offering will be collected next Sunday. Please use the included envelopes.

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

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

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

Hill-Dodge Bank and Warsaw Public Events Committee are having a 2026 Calendar Contest. Submissions for the calendar are due to the Warsaw Library by Saturday, July 19, 1 p.m. They can be in any medium but must be size 10" x 7", and you must tell why you chose your submission. The contest is open to all ages.

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

#### SAVE THE DATES:

Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.  
Retreat House Sunday: Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m.  
Women's Event: Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.  
Visitation Sunday: Sunday, August 31

Leon Wood is greeter today, Marian Bland 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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