

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
July 13, 2025

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25 1-7)

L: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul! O my God, in You I trust, do not let me be ashamed; do not let my enemies exult over me.

C: **Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed; those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.**

L: Make me know Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths.

C: **Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation, for You I wait all the day.**

L: Remember, O Lord, Your compassion and Your loving kindness, for they have been from of old.

C: **Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**

All: **According to Your loving kindness remember me, for You are good, O Lord.**

*HYMN #21 UCC *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, we offer praise and thanksgiving that You have included us in Your plan for bringing light and new life into the world. Help us to focus on what is truly important in our mission and understand the urgency of our task. May we discern what You call us to do and then act in faithfulness. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess to You how we have failed to carry out Your message. We have put our own priorities ahead of Yours. We have put off, delayed, or declined words and actions that would bring Your justice, peace, and love into the world. Have mercy on us, Lord and forgive us, we pray. Renew and transform us to more closely follow Your will for us. Embolden us to live more faithful lives. In Jesus' 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

HYMN #274 SS *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Help make us mindful of Your many, continuous blessings, O God. Teach us to live in the spirit this gratitude. With joy we return a portion to the mission of this body of Christ for the furtherance of Your kingdom. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9: 51-62

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

HYMN #219 SS *He Leadeth Me*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

- Strengthen the Church special offering (envelopes)

Retreat House Sunday is next Sunday, July 20. Bethany UCC's church service will be held at the Ursa Retreat House at 732 County Road 2353 N, Ursa, IL. Lunch will be provided after the service. All are welcome to bring a dessert to share.

The Women's Event brunch is Saturday, August 23, at 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 this coming Saturday, July 19, 1 p.m. They can be in any medium but must be 10" x 7". You must tell why you chose your submission. 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: Next Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m.
- Women's Event: Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.
- Visitation Sunday: Sunday, August 31

Marian Bland is greeter today, Shirley 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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