

Bethany United Church of Christ

July 20, 2025

Retreat House service

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 81)

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength;

Congregation: shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

L: Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

C: Blow the trumpet on our feast day.

L: In distress you called, and I delivered you;

C: I answered you in the secret place of thunder.

L: Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O people, if you would but listen to me!

C: There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

L: Oh, that my people would listen to me,

C: that they would walk in my ways!

L: Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

C: I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #13 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, forgive us. We sometimes focus all our attention on the activities that seem so important to us, while we neglect the things that you consider important. We forget about the eternal parts of our lives, and we forget about the role you want to play in our lives. In setting our priorities in this way, we sin against you. Forgive us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to re-order our lives, so that we focus more on you and on following 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 – Amos 8:1-14

New Testament lesson – Luke 10:38-42

Sermon “There's Work, and There's Work”

*Hymn of Response #183 “Come, Labor On”

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Commitment #283 “Go, Labor On”

*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 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.

SAVE THE DATES:

Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.

Women's Event: Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.

Visitation Sunday: Sunday, August 31

Men's Event: Sunday, November 9, 6 p.m.

Shirley Roskamp is greeter today, Mary Doyle 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 join us again.

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