

August 10, 2025

PRELUDE AND BELL RINGING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS and CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather around, we are welcome here.

People: We need to hear the Good News.

Leader: In a world where there are so many discouraging and negative voices,

People: We need to hear the God of encouragement and forgiveness.

Leader: It is the God of forgiveness who will speak to us today.

People: We need the God of Jesus Christ.

All: Let us lift up our hearts, and listen.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** "Oh, How I Love Jesus" #226 SS

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, and keep logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of healing. Forgive us, we pray. And empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Hear the good news and rejoice! By the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (*Jesus Loves the Little Children*)
CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN "*I Need Thee Every Hour*" #478 SS

OFFERING OF OUR TIME, OUR TREASURES, OUR VERY SELVES
**We Give Thee But Thine Own*" #351 UCC

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, in abundant love, You have poured out on us Your gracious gifts. Receive this portion of what You have given us, that it will be used to further the work of the gospel. Lead us in lives of compassion and generosity, serving You in Jesus' name. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE	Old Testament	Genesis 45:1-15
	New Testament	Matthew 18:21-35

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: May God bless the reading of His Word.

People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE "What's hanging in your grievance closet?"

***CLOSING HYMN** "*Amazing Grace*" #487 SS

***DISMISSAL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – Guest Speaker Darrell Thompson

The Women's Event brunch is Saturday, August 23, at 10 a.m. Following the meal, Nancy Benz from the Adams County Historical Society will present the program. All women and girls are invited.

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

Clover Road Christian Church at 785 Clover Rd. in Hannibal will host Danny Funderburk and Anticipation Ministries on Saturday, August 23, at 7 p.m. No tickets are needed. An offering will be received. See the bulletin strip for more.

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.

Randy Roskamp is greeter today, Ann McArthur 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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