

## Bethany United Church of Christ

August 17, 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

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul;

**Congregation: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

**C: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

L: who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**C: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

L: The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

**C: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

**C: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.**

L: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #14 (SS) "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, forgive us. We are too often ready to accept ideas that are contrary to your will. Too often we believe stories that promote evil and deny what is good. We misjudge so much because we are not familiar enough with**

**your standards, and in this we have sinned. Because we do not know enough of your Word, we often miss what is your will. Forgive us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Teach us your ways, so that we can more closely follow 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 – Jeremiah 23:23-40

New Testament lesson – Luke 12:49-56

Sermon “How Can You Tell?”

\*Hymn of Response #266 “How Firm a Foundation”

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Commitment #275 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\*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 this coming Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m. Nancy Benz from the Adams County Historical Society will present the program. All women and girls are invited.

We are in need of someone to fill in for the Pre-K to Grade 2 Sunday School after the children's sermon next Sunday, August 24. Please contact Tami Roskamp if you are interested.

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

September-October Upper Rooms are available in the entryway.

Loretta Wollbrink is celebrating her 90th birthday Thursday, September 18, with a card shower. If you would like to send a card, her address is 620 Pawn Ave., Quincy, IL 62301.

The Maag Memorial Blood Drive is Thursday, August 28, from 12-6 p.m. at the Bott Center at 705 LaFayette in Warsaw. You can schedule a donation through the Red Cross or Dale Maag at (309-337-7099). See the bulletin strip for more info.

Clover Road Christian Church at 785 Clover Rd. in Hannibal hosts Danny Funderburk and Anticipation Ministries this coming Sat., August 23, 7 p.m. See 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.

Ann McArthur is greeter today, Bruce Roskamp 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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