

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
August 24, 2025

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 33:1-4)

L: Sing for joy in the Lord, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright.

C: **Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with the harp.**

L: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy!

C: **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness!**

All: **God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the loving kindness of the Lord.**

*HYMN #467 SS *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we come together in praise and thanksgiving before You this day. Our lives are filled with much, yet help us to see what You have in mind for us as individuals and as a body of Christ. Grant us the wisdom we need to face the days ahead. Help us to strengthen the conviction needed to be Your faithful disciples in a world that so desperately needs Your love. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we look at our lives on this day and realize how we have not been as faithful as You call us to be. While You present us with opportunities to do Your work, we rely on ourselves and our wisdom rather than allowing You to work through us. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to listen to Your voice and discern Your will for our lives as we go forward. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #215 SS *I Love to Tell the Story*

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

You have blessed us with so much, loving God. We return a portion back to You through this offering and the giving of our time and talents to the needs around us. We pray for Your direction as Your ambassadors to others. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12: 32-48

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

HYMN #148 SS *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

Thank you to all who attended and helped with food, the program, and decorations at the Women's Event yesterday. Also, thanks to the men and boys who served the meal.

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

Women's Fellowship will have a carry-in at noon on Wednesday, September 3, at the hall. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin strip to share what dish you are bringing. You may contact Elma Stoll if you have questions. At 1:30 p.m., Elma will present the program "Underground Railroad Quilts & More." Guests welcome. A business meeting will follow the program.

The Maag Memorial Blood Drive is this 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
- Visitation Sunday: NEXT Sunday, August 31
- Men's Event: Sunday, November 9, 6 p.m.

Bruce Roskamp is greeter today, Jared Roskamp in two weeks. 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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