

Bethany United Church of Christ

August 3, 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 (from Psalm 107)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever!

L: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble;

C: they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

L: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

C: for his wondrous works to the children of man!

L: For he satisfies the longing soul,

C: and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

L: And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,

C: and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

L: Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

C: for his wondrous works to the children of man!

L: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;

C: let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #34 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Call to Confession

Unison Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, forgive us. Too often we think about what we don't have, about what we want, or about something another person has that we would like to have. We frequently violate the Tenth Commandment not to covet. We neglect the spiritual blessings you want to give us and concentrate on physical blessings. In doing this, we sin. Forgive us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to be thankful for the many material blessings you give us, but help us to focus our efforts more on obtaining your spiritual blessings that will last for all eternity. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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

Special Music

Scripture

Old Testament lesson - Hosea 11:1-11

New Testament lesson - Luke 12:13-21

Sermon "Difficult Children"

*Hymn of Preparation #214 "For the Bread, Which Thou Hast Broken"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Commitment (screen) "Here I Am, Lord"

*Charge and Benediction

Amen! We go forth to serve.

*Choral Response: "God Be with You" #177 (SS) (v. 1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – Rev. Darwin Smith

Women's Fellowship will meet this coming Wednesday, August 6, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Shirley Roskamp. Marian Bland is hostess.

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.

Madison Park Christian Church at 4700 Broadway in Quincy hosts the Kingsmen Quartet in concert this coming Thursday, August 7, at 7 p.m. No tickets are needed, and a freewill offering will be accepted. See the bulletin strip for more.

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.

Elma Stoll is greeter today, Randy 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 soon.

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