

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.  
September 14, 2025

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98: 1-3)

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wonderful things,

C: **His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.**

L: The Lord has made known His salvation;

C: **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

All: **He has remembered His loving kindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

\*HYMN #1 SS *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O God, for all Your gifts to us we offer You thanks. Help us be a humble people as we use the gifts You bestow. Help us to live in this grace. Show us how to look beyond the day to day obligations we have and see the needs of Your kingdom. Grant us the wisdom and courage to serve in the many ways You call us. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess on this day we have not been the faithful people You call us to be. We look at our living and see how far too often we have played it safe not seizing the opportunities You send our way. Forgive us, we pray. Rekindle in us the vision that harmonizes our lives with Your word. Give us a clear vision for what You would have us do as we go about our lives. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*Pre-K to Grade 2 children dismiss to church entryway for Sunday School*

HYMN #66 UCC *God Bless Our Native Land*

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

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**We come before You as a grateful people, O Lord. Accept these offerings as an expression of our joy. Strengthen our commitment to be blessings for others as stewards of Your grace. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13: 1-8

Luke 14: 7-11

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## MESSAGE

\*HYMN #288 UCC *Be Thou My Vision*

## \*BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

Confirmation class will start on Sunday, September 28, at 9 a.m. in the hall. Please see Pastor Joel with any questions.

Loretta Wollbrink is celebrating her 90th birthday this coming Thursday, September 18, with a card shower. If you'd 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.
- Confirmation class begins: Sunday, September 28, 9 a.m.
- Men's Event: Sunday, November 9, 6 p.m.

Jane Roskamp is greeter today, Brad Doyle next week. 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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