

**Bethany United Church of Christ**  
**March 1, 2026**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

*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 (Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**Congregation: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

L: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**C: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L: The LORD is your keeper;

**C: the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

L: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

**C: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.**

**ALL: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #9 “The God of Abraham Praise”

- **Call to Confession**

Unison Confession of Sin

**Heavenly Father forgive us. We think of you in terms that are too limited. We are thankful that you love us here and now, but we sometimes neglect to think of the world you sent your Son to save. We are grateful for our salvation through Jesus but we do too little to try to bring that salvation to others. We neglect to pray for your work in other parts of the world and among other people, often people we do not know, and sometimes people we do not like. Forgive us for these sins, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Broaden our minds and our prayer life to include many more people, and make us instruments of your grace and salvation to others around us. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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 - Genesis 12:1-4

New Testament lesson - John 3:1-17

Sermon "Expiration Date Unknown"

\*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 #414 (SS) "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

\*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 Wednesday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. The program will be a practice for the World Day of Prayer. Delinda Mulch and Tami Roskamp are hostesses.

The World Day of Prayer will be held here at Bethany UCC this coming Friday, March 6, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. Registration is at 9:30 a.m., brunch at 10 a.m., and a worship service follows. The program was prepared by the ladies of Nigeria and focuses on ladies' leadership,

with women taking part in the service. Anyone who is interested may attend.

March-April Upper Rooms are available in the entryway.

SAVE THE DATES:

- March Women's Fellowship: Wednesday, March 4, 1:30 p.m.
- World Day of Prayer: Friday, March 6, 9:30 a.m.
- Retreat House Service: Sunday, July 12, 10 a.m.
- All-Day Bible School: Monday, July 13
- Women's Event: Saturday, August 22, 10 a.m.
- Men's Event: Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Class & Sunday School: Sundays, 9 a.m.

Jared Roskamp is greeter today, Mary Doyle 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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