Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
March 22, 2026

Prelude
Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

L: Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord.
C: **Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.**
L: If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?
C: **But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be revered.**
L: I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait and in Your word do I hope.
C: **My soul waits for the Lord, more than the watchmen for the morning.**
All: **O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is loving kindness, and abundant redemption. He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

*HYMN #28 UCC *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, sometimes we can be overwhelmed by many things. We often turn to our own devices and fend for ourselves. We forget that You are with us always. Help us to remember we are Your children and how You watch over us. May we celebrate Your presence at every turn of our lives and share that goodness we have come to know with others. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we face difficult paths, yet we look only to our own wisdom for direction. We ignore Your counsel and guidance for our lives. We think we know what is best. For this neglect of You in many aspects of our lives we ask Your forgiveness. Open our hearts and lives to seek new ways of celebrating Your presence with us. Remind us of Your will for 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 #388 SS *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

You fill our lives with so much loving God. We gratefully return a portion for the ministry and mission of this church. May our offerings along with our service make a positive difference in the life of others. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 5: 1-9

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

*HYMN *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (screen)

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – Pastor Joel Schlatter

Women's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Linda Savage. Velma Brackensick is hostess.

The Sunday Music Series presents organist Helen Rothfuss TODAY at 4 p.m. at the St. John Cathedral at 3728 Payson Rd in Quincy. As always, the recital is free. Donations accepted.

SAVE THE DATES:
- April Women's Fellowship: Wednesday, April 1, 1:30 p.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.

Jim Bland 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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