

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
March 8, 2026

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO
WORSHIP

L: O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,

C: **Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.**

L: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,

C: **Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**

L: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods,

C: **In whose hand are the depths of the earth, the peaks of the mountains are His also.**

L: The sea is His, for it was He who made it,

C: **And His hands formed the dry land.**

All: **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*HYMN #30 UCC *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of mountains and valleys, of sea and land: You are present with us always; when we are in a crowd, when we are alone, and all the times in between. Assure us again of Your presence, empower us to embrace our calling. Strengthen us to discern the changes we need to make in our lives to be more faithful disciples. Empower us to step out in those directions, always trusting in Your divine guidance. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Creator, we are a misguided people. We get easily caught up in day to day things and lose sight of who we are. We are tempted to blame others for our missteps and forget how we are to serve You. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us of how we are Your people, charged with carrying on the message of the Gospel. Intervene in our lives and renew our commitment to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 #272 SS *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

We offer to You, Almighty God, a portion of what You have first given to us. Receive the gifts and our willingness to do Your work. May we serve You with the many skills and talents that You have so richly blessed us with. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 4: 4-26

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

*HYMN #276 *Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be collected next Sunday via the included envelopes.

There is a Bible School planning meeting this coming Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

March-April Upper Rooms are available in the entryway.

SAVE THE DATES:

- 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.

Mary Doyle is greeter today, Jim Bland 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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