

Bethany United Church of Christ

April 5, 2026

Resurrection of the Lord

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

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

Congregation: his steadfast love endures for ever!

L: Let those who fear the LORD say,

C: "His steadfast love endures for ever."

L: The LORD is my strength and my song;

C: he has become my salvation.

L: Hark, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

C: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

L: I shall not die, but I shall live,

C: and recount the deeds of the LORD.

L: The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.

C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes

L: This is the day which the LORD has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #139 "Thine Is the Glory"

Call to Confession

Unison Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, forgive us. For so many years we have heard the good news of the resurrection, and yet it somehow seems to have less impact on our lives than it should. There is nothing more important in the entire history of the world, but we seem to treat it like a footnote of history. It should change our approach to all of life, but we resist that change. In living this way, we sin. Forgive us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make the resurrection of Jesus the very foundation of the way we live each and every day. Make us his joyful witnesses to all those around us. We pray this in the name of the Resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 - Deuteronomy 30:15-20

New Testament lesson - Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon "Fear and Joy"

*Hymn of Preparation #127 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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 #136 "The Day of Resurrection" (*tune #231*)

*Charge and Benediction

Amen! We go forth to serve.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Rev. Darwin Smith

Supplies in the Blessing Box are getting low. Please feel free to bring food to put in the box, which is located on the sidewalk by the parking lot. Ensure items are easy to use, such as pull top cans, boxed items, etc. Thanks to all who have donated for your continued support.

A memorial service for Randy and Ruth Nichols will be held here at Bethany UCC this coming Saturday, April 11, at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in the cemetery. Printy Funeral Homes is handling arrangements. Their obituaries can be found online.

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.

Shirley Roskamp is greeter today, Bruce 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.

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