

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
April 12, 2026

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 16: 7-11)

L: I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

C: **I have set the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

L: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure.

C: **Because You will not abandon me to the grave, nor will You let Your Holy one see decay.**

All: **You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.**

*HYMN #416 SS *Christ Arose!*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, You bless us with each new day. Help us to lay down the burdens and the fears we may have that hold us back from doing the work of being Your servants. Guide our hearts so that our faith will grow. Help us to live as Easter people open to Your direction. Inspire us as we respond to the risen Christ and embrace the tasks You set before us. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord for our busyness that we bring on ourselves. We often forget who we are and how we are called to serve You. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. We narrow the vision You have for us to reach out to others in Your love. Deepen our faith and our commitment to being better disciples for 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 #141 UCC *Beautiful Savior*

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, You have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus. You have touched our lives with eternity, with indescribable and glorious joy. In that joy, we give and ask Your blessing on these offerings. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 13-24

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

*HYMN #278 SS *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

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.

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.

Bruce Roskamp is greeter today, Marian 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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