

**Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.**  
**April 19, 2026**

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116)

L: I love the Lord, because He hears my voice and my supplications.

C: **The Lord has inclined His ear to me, I shall call upon Him as long as I live.**

L: The cords of death encompassed me and the terrors of Sheol came upon me.

C: **I called upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech You, save me!**

All: **The Lord has rescued me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk with the Lord in the land of the living.**

\*HYMN #336 SS *The Church's One Foundation*

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**We thank You, Holy God as You give us every new day. Help us to lay down our burdens and fears that hold us back from Your servants in this world. Guide our hearts so that our faith will grow. Relieve the doubts we may have and direct us on a path that leads to a life filled with Your presence. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we can be people full of doubts, worries, and concerns. These thoughts can dominate our lives. Our faith teaches us differently, yet we lose sight of You. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us how to examine the uncertainties we carry with us and transform them into a deeper commitment to You and Your will for our lives. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #344 SS *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**We thank You, Gracious God, for the gifts of love and kindness and the many other blessings we have in our lives. Help us to share these blessings with others. Use these offerings and ourselves for Your purposes in a world that so desperately needs the good news You proclaim. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1: 13-21

John 20: 19-31

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

\*HYMN #357 SS *Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus*

\*BENEDICTION

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

Clover Road Christian Church (785 Clover Rd., Hannibal, MO) will host *Aspire*, an event for women, on Saturday, May 2. Doors open at 5 p.m. The event features ministry and music. See the bulletin strip for ticket pricing and more info.

The Warsaw Women's Expo will be Saturday, May 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Warsaw Brewery (900 N 5th). It will feature speakers, vendors, snacks, and giveaways. Registration is required by Saturday, May 2, for \$25/person. More details are available on the "Warsaw Public Events" Facebook page. The organization's email is WarsawPublicEvents@gmail.com.

Please feel free to bring food to put in the Blessing Box 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.

Marian Bland is greeter today, Ann MacArthur 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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