

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
May 24, 2026

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 104)

L: Let the glory of the Lord endure forever;

C: **Let the Lord be glad in His works;**

L: He looks at the earth, and it trembles;

C: **He touches the mountains, and they smoke.**

L: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

C: **I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.**

All: **Let my meditation be pleasing to You, O Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul,
Praise the Lord!**

*HYMN #304 UCC *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of grace, we thank You for the many blessings we have received from your hand. We thank You for the beauty and complexity of our world. Grant that we may honor and respect our diverse gifts and find deeper unity in Your love as revealed in Jesus. May Your renewing Spirit continue to call, gather, and enlighten us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, often we find ourselves in competition with others rather than cooperation. We let our differences and diversity lead us to division. We forget the common good and go it alone. Forgive us, we pray, when for those times that we give in to these and other temptations. Renew the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in our lives so that we can boldly share our gifts. Give us the courage and faith needed to follow the mission Christ has set for us. 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 #450 SS *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for all You have given us. Use these offerings to accomplish Your ongoing work in the world. Bless the labor of our hands and minds as we use our diverse abilities to serve You. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 1-8

1st Corinthians 12: 1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

*HYMN 50 SS *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

The 9 a.m. Sunday School will begin summer break on May 24 and resume September 14. Sunday School for younger children during the church service will continue throughout the summer.

Women's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, June 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Delinda Mulch and Tami Roskamp will present the program. Rogene Roskamp is hostess.

Amanda Schrader graduated from Indiana University as a Doctor of Ophthalmology on May 7. She will complete an ocular disease residency at the VA in Brownsburg, IN. Congratulations!

Beeline Adventures in Warsaw has a trip, "The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum," August 3-7 to the Cincinnati, Ohio, area. See the bulletin strip for a letter with more details.

SAVE THE DATES:

- June Women's Fellowship: Wednesday, June 3, 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.
- Resume 9 a.m. Sunday School: Monday, September 14
- Men's Event: Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Class: Sundays, 9 a.m.

Leon Wood 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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