

## Bethany United Church of Christ

June 28, 2026

*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 (from Psalm 16)

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**Congregation: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

L: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**C: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply.**

L: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**C: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

L: I have set the LORD always before me;

**C: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

**C: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #6 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, forgive us. In many situations we do not trust you as we should. We rely on our own understanding, and ignore your instructions to us. We often do not believe that you really do have our best interests in mind. We find it hard to believe that what you want for us is what is best for us, sometimes because it is different from what we want for ourselves. This way of living is sinful. Forgive us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to trust you and to follow your instructions. Make us better disciples of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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*

Special music (#182 SS - *if you want to sing along*)

Scripture

Old Testament lesson – Genesis 22:1-14

New Testament lesson – Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon “Risks and Benefits”

\*Hymn of Response #365 (SS) “Trust and Obey”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Offering, Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Commitment #173 “Make me a Captive Lord”

\*Charge and Benediction

**Amen! We go forth to serve.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY – Rev. Darwin Smith

Thank you to all who prepared, attended, and cleaned up after the Ice Cream Social yesterday!

The annual Retreat House service is in two weeks on Sunday, July 12. The church service will be held at the Ursa Retreat House (732 Co Rd 2353 N) at 10 a.m.

Women’s Fellowship will not meet in July (vacation month).

July-August Upper Rooms are available in the church 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.

Resume 9 a.m. Sunday School: Sunday, September 13, 9 a.m.

Men’s Event: Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.

Women’s Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.

Jared Roskamp is greeter today, Mary Doyle 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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