

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

Bell Ringing
Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 119: 105-109

L: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C: **Verse 1- *Sunshine in the Soul***

L: I have sworn and I will confirm it, I will keep Your righteous ordinances.

C: **Verse 2**

L: I am exceedingly afflicted; revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.

C: **Verse 3**

L: Accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me Your ordinances.

C: **Verse 4**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, we come together with many burdens and weariness. Sometimes our earthly journeys seem long and without rest. Touch us now in the time of worship with Your refreshment. Fill us with renewed joy and gladness. Open our hearts to receive all You offer. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All knowing God, much too often we get overwhelmed with many concerns. We become too preoccupied to ponder Your will for us. We go our own way, cutting ourselves off from You and the mutual caring we can receive from one another. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be more like the good soil, receiving the seed of Your word with the understanding we need. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

O God, we return a portion of what we have received back to You for the continued mission of this body of Christ. We also offer ourselves for Your work in this mission. May the abilities we all have share the Good News in many ways and bear a good harvest. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13: 1-9

HYMN *We Are the Church*

MESSAGE *Sowing the Seed-Part 1*

***HYMN** *Amazing Grace*

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

All-day Vacation Bible School is tomorrow, Monday, July 13, here at the Ursa Retreat House, beginning at 8 a.m.

SAVE THE DATES:

- 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.

Shirley Roskamp is greeter today, Bruce Roskamp 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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