

Bethany United Church of Christ

July 19, 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 139)

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

Congregation: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

L: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

C: Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

L: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

C: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

C: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

L: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

C: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

L: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

C: How vast is the sum of them!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #26 "Praise the Lord His Glories Show"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, forgive us. There are too many times in our life when we do not trust you as we should. We sometimes do not believe that you really have our best interests in mind: We fail to have something work out as we planned or wanted, and we think you are withholding something good from us; We encounter some difficulty or setback and

we think it is because you do not love us. These are sinful ways to see your hand in our lives.

Forgive us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to think of you always as our loving Father, the giver of good and perfect gifts, and also as a loving Father who disciplines us if we need it. We pray this in the name of Jesus. 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

Scripture

Old Testament lesson – Genesis 28:10-19a

New Testament lesson – Matthew 13:24-30 36-43

Sermon “While You Sleep”

*Hymn of Response #293 (SS) “God Will Take Care of You”

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Commitment #307 “Now Thank We All Our God”

*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 for, participated in, and cleaned up
after Retreat House Sunday last week!

Thanks also to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School and
donated food and supplies, and for support from the Women's Fellowship
and Church Council.

There will be no Sunday School during church for the younger children
next Sunday, July 26.

The annual Women's Event is coming up next month. It will be Saturday,
August 22, beginning at 10 a.m.

SAVE THE DATES:

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.

Bruce Roskamp is greeter today, Diane Schrader 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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