

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
July 26, 2026

Bell Ringing
Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the Peoples!

C: **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders!**

L: Glory in His Holy name; let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad.

C: **Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face continually.**

L: Remember His wonders which He has done, his marvels and the judgments.

C: **O seed of Abraham, His servant, O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!**

All: **He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.**

*HYMN #13 UCC *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Help us to live as Your beloved children. Strengthen our faith and trust in You. Plant your Word once again in us. Lead us, by the teaching and example of Christ. May we find in these moments of worship the assurance we need to live triumphantly following what You intend for our lives. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know us, O God, better than we know ourselves. You know the ways we scheme and manipulate things to our advantage. You know how our deeds fail to match the faith we claim to have. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to face ourselves with honesty and the will and courage to change our ways. Empower us to live in new, refreshing ways. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #259 SS *Living For Jesus*

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of hope and trust, You have filled our hands and hearts with many good things. Accept these gifts from our hands and hearts for the vision You have for us. May our outreach proclaim to all the love You have called us to share. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13: 10-17

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE *Sowing the Seed-Part 2*

*HYMN #480 SS *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

- No Sunday School during today's service

Women's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, August 5, at 1:30 p.m. Shirley Roskamp is hostess.

Women's Fellowship will sponsor a brunch to honor all women and girls Saturday, August 22, beginning at 10 a.m. All women and girls are invited. Janet Wyrick will present the program. To allow the women to dine together and enjoy the event, men and youth are requested to help serve the meal and clean up. If you would like to help, please contact Elma Stoll.

SAVE THE DATES:

- August Women's Fellowship: Wednesday, August 5, 1:30 p.m.
- 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.

Diane Schrader is greeter today, Lance 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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