

Bethany United Church of Christ

August 2, 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 145)

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Congregation: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

L: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

C: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

L: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: The LORD is good to all,

C: and his mercy is over all that he has made.

L: You open your hand;

C: you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

L: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

C: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

L: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

C: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #2 “All People That on earth Do Dwell”

Call to Confession

Unison Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, forgive us. We seem to take your grace for granted, forgetting the part about forgiving others. We find ourselves offended by things others say or do, and we hold on to those things, judging other people in our minds and hearts. These are sinful actions and attitudes. We need you to forgive us and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us to overflowing with your grace, so that we might extend it to others, and so follow 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

Scripture

Old Testament lesson - Genesis 32:6-12; 33:1-12

New Testament lesson – Matthew 14:1-21

Sermon “Served Cold”

*Hymn of Preparation #222 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” (alt. tune)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Offering, Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Commitment #469 (SS) “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

*Charge and Benediction

Amen! We go forth to serve.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – Rev. Darwin Smith

Women’s Fellowship will meet this coming 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.

Lance Roskamp is greeter today, Jane Roskamp 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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