

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
September 13, 2026

Bell Ringing
Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103 1-2; 19-22)

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

C: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits;**

L: The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all.

C: **Bless the Lord, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word,
obeying the voice of His word!**

All: **Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will. Bless the Lord,
all you works of His, in all places of His dominion; Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

*HYMN #309 UCC *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

* UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of grace and understanding, we seek to be Your people. You have called us to new life, to a new way of being Your community in the world. Help us to put aside our differences and love one another. Open our hearts to this challenge. Strengthen us so that our love for others is genuine, to care more deeply, and to live sincerely in Your name. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we come before You keenly aware of our need of Your grace and forgiveness. We look at our lives and know the many times we have done things that are not in keeping with Your will. Far too often we do not think how our words and actions affect others. Far too often we condemn rather than try to seek understanding. Forgive us, we pray. Change our ways and inspire us to live following the ways of Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pre-K to Grade 2 children dismiss to church entryway for Sunday School

UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

HYMN #68 UCC *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

We offer to You, loving God, our gifts and our lives. Take and shape our lives and our gifts for what is needed for the Good News to spread and take root. May others come to understand Your love through us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2: 1-8

Matthew 16: 17-19

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

*HYMN #8 SS *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

Pre-K thru 6th grade Sunday School resumed today at 9 a.m.

Blessing Health, the Health Department, and the United Way of Adams County are conducting the 2027 Community Survey. They request all who live or work in Adams County take and share the survey to help gauge community needs. The survey is available at www.unitedwayadamsco.org/communitysurvey

SAVE THE DATES:

- Men's Event: Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
- Pre-K-6th Sunday School: Sundays, 9 a.m.

Teresa Beeler is greeter today, Ann MacArthur 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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