

Bethany United Church of Christ

September 6, 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 149)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

Congregation: his praise in the assembly of the faithful!

L: Let us be glad in our Maker,

C: let us rejoice in our King!

L: Let them praise his name with dancing,

C: making melody to him with timbrel and lyre!

L: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

C: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

L: Let the high praises of God be in their throats!

C: This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #310 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Call to Confession

Unison Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, forgive us. Too often we are like the unforgiving servant. We are always ready and eager to be forgiven for our many sins and transgressions against you, but we are often reluctant to forgive others even the smallest of sins against us. And when there are significant sins committed against us, we are willing to hold onto those for years and years. This makes a mockery of the gospel, and we are guilty of it. Forgive us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to forgive others from our hearts, and help us to seek their forgiveness when we need it. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 - Ezekiel 33:1-20
New Testament lesson – Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon “Meddling”

*Hymn of Preparation #62 (SS) “Just As I Am”

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

The 9 a.m. Sunday School class resumes next Sunday.

The September-October Upper Rooms are available in the entryway of the church.

The annual Friends of Unit 4 Fall Festival will be held this coming Saturday, September 12, starting at 4 p.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds. The event raises funds for activities in Unit 4 schools. See the bulletin strip for more information.

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:

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.

Marian Bland is greeter today, Teresa Beeler 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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