Bethany United Church of Christ

October 18, 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
Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
Congregation: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
L: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
C: Let them praise his great and terrible name! Holy is he!
L: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
C: you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
L: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
C: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
ALL: for the LORD our God is holy!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #19 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Heavenly Father, forgive us. We often hesitate to obey your will, and we often fail to follow your instructions to love our neighbors as ourselves. Too often we do not do even simple things that would benefit others. Our vision of how you work in the world is too limited, so we often fail to do the things you would have us do. Forgive us for such sins, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Open us to the many ways we can serve you and others, even in small ways. Help us to follow your Son Jesus Christ in all parts of our life; we pray this in his name. 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 – 1 Samuel 8:4-22
New Testament lesson – Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon "Oh, Those Pesky Taxes"

*Hymn of Response #351 (SS) "Rise Up, O Men of God"

Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Commitment #252 "Once to Every Man and Nation"

*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 contributed to and attended the annual hayride at Pastor Joel's last Sunday!

Women's Bible Study has moved from Mondays to Tuesdays at the same time, 9:30 a.m., until further notice.

Sunday, November 8, is the Men's Event. Randy Brackensick is the speaker. Volunteers are needed to make macaroni & cheese, cookies, and pies. Please contact Shirley or Tami Roskamp to volunteer. The meal also includes pulled pork and green beans.

November-December Upper Rooms are available in the entryway.

SAVE THE DATES:

Hayride at Pastor Joel's:	TODAY, October 11, 6 p.m.
Men's Event:	Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.
Women's Bible Study:	Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.
Pre-K-6th Sunday School:	Sundays, 9 a.m.

Teresa Beeler is greeter today, Shirley 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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