

Time of Prayer

Pastor Brad

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song

#2197 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

Faith We Sing
Evan Lange, Piano

Final Blessing and Greeting One Another

Pastor Julie

Closing Music

"Sons of Sorrow"
(arr. Dale Wood, 1934-2003)

Sue Poullette, Organist

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Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday (April 17) - worship service at 7:00pm. The theme for this service is Power & Humility. As we reflect on Jesus' last meal with his disciples we will engage in Communion, prayer, meditative Taizé songs, and conversation.

Good Friday (April 18) - worship service at 7:00pm. The theme for this service is Acceptance & Resistance. This service has a solemn tone as we journey with Jesus to the cross. This service intersperses songs with sacred storytelling and sensory experiences that embody grief.

Easter Sunday (April 20)
Worship at 8:30 am and 10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am.

To Parents of Young Children

God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel like you have to suppress those wiggles in church.

- Consider sitting closer to the front, where it's easier for your little ones to engage.
- Quietly explain the parts of worship and actions of the worship leader, musicians, pastor and others who are involved in the service.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. That's how children learn.

If your child needs a bathroom or water break please feel free to leave the Sanctuary, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Keep in Touch

Church Office Hours: Weekdays, 8 am to 2:30 pm
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Childcare: From 9:00 to 9:45 am our childcare staff are available in the library for children whose adult family members are preparing for worship. From 9:50 - 11:15 am, the nursery is open in Room 222 for children ages 5 and younger.



Sunday, March 30, 2025
10:00 am



Welcome

We are honored you chose to worship with us today.
To learn more about the life of the church, visit our website: BethanyMadison.org

Bethany's Vision for the World

Every person feels, knows, and shares God's love.

Gathering Music

Sue Poullette, Organist

"I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

(arr. Robert J. Hughes, 1916-99)

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(Stephen Caracciolo, b. 1952)

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

(Robert Elmore, 1913-85)

Welcome!

Pastor Julie

We believe all people are recipients of God's love and grace, and that God intends the church to be a community that embodies love, grace, and justice for all people. We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, social status, and so much more. Everyone is welcome!

Breakthrough Prayer

Pastor Julie

Timeless God, challenge us to know your radical love that created each person in your image. Open us to wonder, as we work for justice with kindness following the example of Christ. Amen.

Call to Worship * (Responsively)

Catherine James

Leader: Our God is a shepherding God.

People: Our God knows us by name.

Leader: Our God will never stop searching for us. So if you feel lost,

People: then know that God is seeking you.

Leader: If you feel found,

People: then know that God will never leave.

Leader: This is the promise of scripture.

People: This is the promise of God's love.

Leader: Let us worship our with-us God.

Song

#122 "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

Red Hymnal
Sue Pouquette, Organ

Call to Confession*

Catherine James

Prayer of Confession*

Catherine James

Leader: If God is a painter,

People: let us be the brush.

Leader: If God is a musician,

People: let us be the song.

Leader: If God is an architect,

People: let us be the tools. Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders.

Leader: But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking,

People: let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.

Leader: Our God is never far away.

People: Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness*

Catherine James

Leader: Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found. We grumble.

We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves. We leave the flock and lose our way. But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

People: No matter how far we wander, we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Message

Lisa Weaver, Director of Children's Ministries

Anthem

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Bethany Carillons

Arr. Kathy Mocklebust

(Children are invited to walk to Sunday School following the song)

Scripture (Luke 15:1-7) CEB

Catherine James

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. ²The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³Jesus told them this parable: ⁴"Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. ⁶When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' ⁷In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Let's Celebrate"

Pastor Julie

Affirmation of Faith* (Together)

Catherine James

We believe in a seeking God, a with-us and before-us God, a chasing-after-us God. We believe that no matter where we wander or what mountains we climb, this God — the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem, shook hands with lepers, patted children on the head, and told stories of love — is always close at hand. So on the good days and the hard days, on the mountains and in the valleys, we believe that we are always being found. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

Song

"Lost and Found"

On Screen
Evan Lange, Piano

Offering

Pastor Julie



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Discipleship Moment

Curt Campbell

Song

#431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Red Hymnal
Evan Lange, Piano