

Time of Prayer

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.

Communion

Pastor Julie

Song

#2153 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Faith We Sing
Evan Lange, Piano

Final Blessing and Greeting One Another

Pastor Julie

Closing Music

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jews"
(arr. Gordon Young, 1919-98)

Sue Poullette, Organist

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Simple Gifts for April: Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC)

The WCC's mission is to work together across differences to promote peacemaking, social and economic justice, church vitality, and the well-being of neighbors.

Simple gifts can be made by placing loose coins in the offering plates, or by putting cash or a check in mission envelopes.

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
Bethany UMC

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Website: BethanyMadison.org

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, April 6, 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

"It Happened on that Fateful Night"

(arr. Charles Ore, b. 1936)

"Glory Be to Jesus"

(arr. Charles Ore, b. 1936)

"Lord, Who On the Night You Were Betrayed"

(Russell Schulz-Widmar, b. 1944)

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)

Lisa Coleman

Leader: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

People: We long for community. We long for God.

Leader: We come to worship because we need a good word.

People: We need connection. We need moral reminders.

Leader: We come to worship because we are in between:

People: hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.

Leader: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

People: Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen.

Song

#383 “This Is A Day of New Beginnings” (verses 1-3, 5)

Red Hymnal
Sue Poullette, Organ

Call to Confession*

Lisa Coleman

Prayer of Confession* (together)

Lisa Coleman

Merciful God, when we fail to be righteous, show us mercy. When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right. Again and again, bring us closer to you. Again and again, show us the way. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness* (responsively)

Lisa Coleman

Leader: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: When we fail to be righteous,

People: God is merciful.

Leader: When we fail to be merciful,

People: God invites us to try again.

Leader: Again and again,

People: God moves closer to us.

Leader: Again and again,

People: God shows us the way.

Leader: Thanks be to God for this unending love.

People: Amen.

Children’s Message

Gloria Carter and Barb Peterson

Anthem

“United in Purpose”
Maya Angelou/Rollo Dillworth

Chancel Choir
Evan Lange, Piano

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

Scripture (Luke 19:1-10) CEB

Lisa Coleman

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. ² A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn’t because of the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today.” ⁶ So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

⁷ Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

⁸ Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ The Human One came to seek and save the lost.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Zacchaeus Climbs a Tree”

Pastor Julie

Affirmation of Faith* (together)

Lisa Colman

In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers, Jesus loved by different rules. He offered mercy. He invited people to dinner. He told stories of love. He chose to see the best in others. We believe that small acts of mercy and compassion have ripple effects in our lives. We believe that small acts of righteousness and justice are integral to a life of faith. So like Christ, we believe in offering mercy, inviting people to dinner, telling stories of love, and choosing to see the best in others. With God’s help, may it be so. Amen.

Song

#140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Red Hymnal
Sue Poullette, Organ

Offering

Pastor Julie



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Discipleship Moment

Barb Graham

Song

#431 “Let There Be Peace On Earth”

Red Hymnal
Evan Lange, Piano