

August 17, 2025
Rev. Wendy Witt
Peace UCC 8:15 Worship
Special Service of Music & Praise
Bott Family Bluegrass



** All who are able are invited to stand*



The Bott Family will be leading all the music. For the hymns, the congregation is invited to join in the singing.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS (Pastor Wendy)
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Pastor Wendy)
CENTERING PRAYER (Pastor Wendy)

GATHERING MUSIC - *Bott Family*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*From When In Our Music God is Glorified*)

Leader: When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,

People: **It is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!**

Leader: How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound.

People: **As Worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!**

Leader: Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

People: **And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

Glorious God, source of all joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, may we practice in our lives. So that we may not only be hearers and singers of the word but may be true believers who strive

to put that word into faithful action, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose praises we sing. Amen.

HYMN "Amazing Grace" [*Bott Family & the Congregation*]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE OFFERING** [Pastor Wendy]

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** - Psalm 98:4-6

⁴ Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth!

Be happy!

Rejoice out loud!

Sing your praises!

⁵ Sing your praises to the LORD with the lyre—

with the lyre and the sound of music.

⁶ With trumpets and a horn blast,

shout triumphantly before the LORD, the king!

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** - Colossians 3:16-17

¹⁶ The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** - James 5:13b

13b If any of you are happy, they should sing.

THE WORD IN MUSIC *Bott Family Choices*

JOYS & CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

[Bott Family & the Congregation]

***BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH** (Pastor Wendy)

***POSTLUDE** - *Bott Family*

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Next Week, August 24:

**COMBINED OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:00 AT BETHEL UMC
FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK PICNIC**

Lesson: Luke 13:10 - 17

Sermon: The Importance of Sabbath

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Verse 1

I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

REFRAIN

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Verse 2

Through this world of toil and snare,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. **[REFRAIN]**

Verse 3

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To thy shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore. **[REFRAIN]**