



# **THE KIRK of Bonnie Brae**

**AUGUST 31, 2025**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

# Order of Worship

## August 31, 2025

Prelude		Christine Dunning
*Gathering Song	<i>"Who You Say You Are"</i>	On Screen
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Selena Wright
*Passing of the Peace		Rev. Wright
God makes peace within us; LET US CLAIM IT. God makes peace between us; LET US SHARE IT. <i>Please take a moment to greet those near you.</i>		
*Hymn of Praise	<i>"O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"</i>	NCH #558
Guiding Prayer & Jesus' Prayer		Rev. John Davidson
Special Music	<i>"The Architect"</i>	Elliana Wright
Children's Moment		Rev. Wright
Scripture	Psalms 23	Beth Sherry
Message	Don't Be Afraid of the Dark	Rev. Wright
Response	<i>"Dear God, Embracing Humankind"</i>	NCH 502 vs 1,4,5
Stewardship Moment		Beth Sherry
<i>To donate to the Kirk, there is a plate on the back table. You can also visit the <b>Donate</b> section on our website or text the dollar amount you wish to give to 833-262-8879.</i>		
Prayer Stations		Rev. Wright
<i>All are welcome to share the bread and the cup and engage in our prayer stations throughout the sanctuary.</i>		
Community Prayers		Rev. Wright
*Closing Song	<i>"Your Labor is Not in Vain"</i>	On Screen
*Benediction		Rev. Wright
Postlude		Christine Dunning
<b><i>*Please rise in body or in spirit</i></b>		

# QUOTES TO INSPIRE

"...New life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, it starts in the dark."

— Barbara Brown Taylor

## KIRK CALENDAR

Sunday, August 31	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	DIG for Adults Worship	Lower Level Sanctuary & YouTube
Monday, September 1		Happy Labor Day! Office closed	
Tuesday, September 2		Office closed observing Labor Day	
Wednesday, September 3	9:00 a.m.	Green Justice	On Zoom
Thursday, September 4	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday, September 7	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	DIG for Adults Worship Youth Group Resumes!	Lower Level Sanctuary & YouTube Lower level

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Youth Group, Next Sunday

On September 7, from 6-7:30 p.m., we are kicking off a new year of Youth Group! Those in grades 6-12 are welcome to share a meal (at 6 p.m.). Then, check-in with the group about their lives, weeks, and faith at 6:30 p.m. Finally, we will engage in games, community building, and discussions as we grow in our relationships with God and one another. You can join and communicate with the group on [GroupMe](#).

### Choir rehearsals at the Kirk have resumed!

Our Music Minister, Greg Cooke, is once again leading the rehearsals which are held weekly on Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. All ages and abilities are welcome! We understand life balance, so if you can't make it every week, that's okay! If you have any questions, you can talk with Greg or email [Greg@gregorycooke.com](mailto:Greg@gregorycooke.com).

### Animal Blessing & Outdoor Worship, Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.

We invite all creatures great and small to join us on Saturday, September 20, for a Blessing of the Animals! All animals that are safe around other animals and a group of people are welcome. Unlike recent years, this will be a simple service of song and prayer. If you have friends who are animal lovers, this is a great opportunity to invite them (and their pets) to the Kirk! There will also be a table of remembrance, where you can bring a picture of a beloved pet you have lost.

### Interested in Being Confirmed?

Calling all 11 to 18-year-olds who are ready to explore their faith and make it their own! Corbin and Selena will lead a Confirmation program beginning in September and running through the school year. We will learn, wonder and question what we know about God, Jesus, the Bible, the Church, Spirituality, and so much more. We are working on dates to ensure that everyone interested can participate. If you or your young person is interested, please let Selena know ASAP of interest and availability for regular meetings.

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# CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

**Our Mission:** The Kirk of Bonnie Brae UCC is a progressive church rooted in Christianity and welcoming to spiritual seekers from all backgrounds who are pursuing depth in relationship with God, Earth, and a community through engaged faith and social justice.

## OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT

Welcome to the Kirk of Bonnie Brae! We believe that all people are children of God and are created in the image of God. We believe that welcoming all people was and is at the heart of the ministry of Jesus. We find joy in being a diverse community of faith, and welcome everyone to join our spiritual journey. We celebrate people ...

of all ages, races, and ethnicities;  
of all gender identities and gender expressions;  
of all sexual orientations;  
of all faith backgrounds and no faith background;  
of all viewpoints on the issues impacting our society;  
of differing physical and mental abilities;  
who are single, married, divorced, separated, widowed or partnered;  
who are well-fed or hungry, sheltered or homeless;  
who wonder how a congregation could welcome  
all of the above.

We welcome and celebrate you!

## TO CONTACT THE CHURCH

Email the church office at [kobb@kirkofbonniebrae.org](mailto:kobb@kirkofbonniebrae.org)  
or call 303-777-0343

## STAFF

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