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Sunday, October 8, 2023

Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver

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***= Please rise in body or spirit**

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #555

"Sanctuary"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today's celebration of Mission Sunday concerns all of us,
for mission is the task given to all.

The whole church is mission. We are instructed to serve.

We want all peoples to know God's love

and to know Jesus Christ - through the work and support we offer.

Lord Jesus, you wish all people to be saved from persecution, poverty, and
injustice.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you have made us a light to shine on all nations:

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you command your disciples to preach and live out the Good News
of God's love to the ends of the earth, and to work for the benefit of all mankind.

Lord, have mercy.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**O God, You have made your Church,
the sacrament of salvation for all peoples,
that the saving work of Christ
may continue until the end of time.
Stir up in the hearts of the faithful a realization
that they are called to work for salvation and justice, and to end the
suffering of the whole human family.
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. *AMEN.***

***HYMN #495 all**

"They'll Know we are Christians by our Love"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

1 Peter 4:10

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

Hebrews 6:10

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

MISSION MOMENT

***HYMN #307 all**

"We are Called"

Litany for Mission

God the Father, Creator of heaven and Earth, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the Faithful, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **Have mercy on us.**

May it please you to send your church in all the world, that the name of Jesus may be known and his love demonstrated to all peoples, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to awaken a zeal for missions in the hearts of all your people, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to send out laborers into your harvest, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to enkindle within your people an awareness of mission and a willingness to provide faithful support, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to bless the missions to all continents of the world, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

For all people driven from their homes by war, violence, and natural disaster and for the nations who receive them that you may provide, protect, and care for them, We pray to you, O God. **Lord hear our prayer**

For the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed people of the world, and all who suffer, We pray to you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and infirm and those who minister to them, We pray to you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the Resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, We pray to you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. And we pray as Christ taught us...

<https://agmp-na.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/AGMPLitanyforMission2018.pdf>

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING (Jingle Change for the month of October supports the UCC's Neighbor's in Need offering. Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 282

"Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ,
His Son (2 times)**

**And now...
let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done
for us" (2 times)**

Give thanks... (2 times)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, we ask that you bless these offerings and tithes so they can multiply to be a blessing for our community, our mission, and worldwide. Accept our offerings and tithes, O God, as a testimony of your goodness in our lives. Amen!

*CLOSING SONG

"Go Now in Peace"

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith. Steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide you, in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. A-men, A-men, A-men.***

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Food Drive! Bethlehem is holding a food drive for the Kiel Area Community Food Pantry during the month of October. A list of requested items is located near the drop off box at the front door. Thank you for your support.

MISSION TRIP w/ St. Peter's UCC

Sunday October 22 (about 10:10am) those who are interested in participating in the Appalachia Service Project June 15-22 of 2024 must sign up, as well as putting \$50/person going towards the trip as your commitment to attending. This trip is for 9th grade through adults. The meeting will be held at St. Peters UCC, Kiel.

Youth Event!! Sunday, Oct 29 - 5p-7pm

Fall fun! Campfire...Pumpkin Games... Food..."Ghost in the Graveyard"

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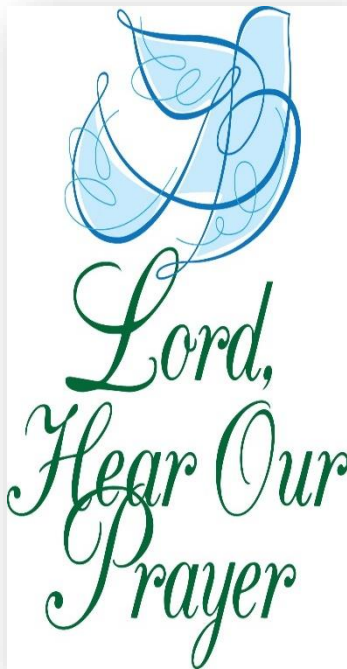
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Community Announcements:

- Ham Dinner at St. James UCC (Newton) Sun., Oct. 15 11am-12:30pm CARRY OUTS ONLY. Dinner includes ham, German potato salad, corn, applesauce, coleslaw, dinner roll and pumpkin or apple pie. Cost = \$14 per meal.
- The Annual United Church Men & Women's Scholarship Banquet will be on Thursday, October 19 @ 6:30pm at St. James UCC, Spring Valley. See Pastor Randy for more info or to purchase tickets. (\$18)



Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

- The marriage of Sarah Mueller and John Schisel – 9/16/23
- The baptism of Carter Dean Schisel on 9/17/23
- The birth of Nova Rosalyn Henning on Aug 23, 2023

Families who have lost loved ones:

Courtney Krebsbach

Those struggling with health issues:

Heidi Konen	Marie Rietbrock
Bob Radder	Daisy Sippel
Darlean Rumpff	Darlene Horneck
Helen Henning	Molly
Tom Lefeber	Mary Beth Molitor
Jessica Horneck	Sandra Tesch
Dawson Horneck	Gary Steinhardt
Crystal	Brenda Volland
Neal (Louie's Brother)	

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer

Other Concerns:

Those affected by Hawaiian wildfires.

Those affected by hurricanes and tropical storms.

Those affected by recent gun violence, especially in Florida.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 10/8: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Shortened Worship followed by Mission Fest; 12:15 pm Crop Walk at Our Shepherd's- Howards Grove

Monday 10/9: ~Happy Anniversary Lloyd & Darlean Rumpff!

Tuesday 10/10: 6:30p Consistory Mtg.

Wednesday 10/11:

Thursday 10/12: ~Happy Birthday Abby Wilharms!

Friday 10/13:

Saturday 10/14: ~Happy Birthday Rick Rabe!

Sunday 10/15: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship; ~Happy Anniversary Mark & Brenda Riesterer!

**October Pantry Items:
Cleaning Supplies**