



Welcome
Our *New*
Members

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Sunday, June 30, 2024
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver
Organist: Polly Jeanty

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

CENTERING BREATH PRAYER: as you inhale, say the first part of the prayer to yourself, and say the second part as you exhale. Repeat 5x

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me :: be my helper

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #549

“As We Gather”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Out of the depths we cry to the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord.

Hope in the Lord!

For with God there is steadfast love;

With God there is great power to redeem.

So we offer prayers and praise to God in whom we trust.

*OPENING PRAYER:

Great and gracious God, your glory speaks in the beauty of creation, your majesty stretches to the depths of space. You are the wellspring of hope and the fountain of healing mercy. We marvel at your love that overflows in our lives and into the world you have made. We worship you in gratitude, offering you our trust because you have come to us in Christ Jesus. Receive our love and loyalty, offered to you each day as the Spirit prays within us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #22 all

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE:

Pastoral Leader: As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace. (time of silent reflection...) Let us pray...

People: Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' me I pray. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Pastoral Leader: As Jesus taught those were healed from their brokenness through their faith—we also believe, and therefore we also declare in the affirming knowledge that **when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God's Love by the grace of Christ. Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: Doxology

**Be thou, O God, exalted high, and as thy glory fills the sky
So let it be on Earth displayed, Till thou art here, as there, obeyed. Amen**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 30 - p. 611 of hymnal – Leader reads odd verses, people read evens

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

SERMON

*HYMN #434 all "Precious Lord, Take my Hand"

ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

INVITATION

SENTENCES

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God with the United Church of Christ's Statement of Faith.

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through
prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of
Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and
races.**

**You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be
your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his
table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and
rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

ADDRESS

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

*WELCOME AND RECEPTION:

One: Let us, the members of Bethlehem United Church of Christ, express our
welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise
you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the
Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to
grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen
Savior.**

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

PRAYER

CLOSING One: Go in the peace of Christ. **All: Thanks be to God! Amen**

*RESPONSE #497 v. 1 & 3

“Blest be the Tie that Binds”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE...THE LORD'S PRAYER

Petitions end with... "In all our struggles and good intentions,
bring healing, strength, and peace."

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Jingle Change goes to "Strengthen the Church" (*The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. – ucc.org*)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #447 v.1 "All Things are Yours"

**All things are Yours: we make that true, when we return our gifts to you,
And so we give, and so we share, In Christ's strong name expressing care.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Compassionate God, we offer you our gifts with grateful hearts, glad to know you keep reaching out to the world you love. Bless what we bring, and use us and our gifts to touch the world with your healing grace through Christ, our Savior and friend. 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.***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday, July 14 – Come and join us for the outdoor worship/picnic Sunday.

Bring your lawn chair and wear your old/silly hat. After the service we will be serving broasted chicken. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall with a dish to pass.

We will also be collecting a bag of candy and/or a package of cookies to donate to Immanuel's food pantry. Donations will be open thru August 18th. There will be a basket in the entrance.

- ☐ To those who are reading my ordination paper: THANK YOU! Feel free to write any comments right on the document or on a separate sheet. We could also meet in person if you like. I would like to receive feedback by July 1 if possible. PS – the topics of the paper are the topics that are required by the association. Thanks, again! – Pastor Randy
- ☐ Sunday school families received information regarding Vacation Bible School @ St. Mark's UCC on August 13-15 from 9a-12. Transportation to St. Marks will be available. Please let Pastor Randy or Kathy Bowe know if your child will attend.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS -See flyers in fellowship hall for more details

- ☐ Wednesday, July 3rd – St. Peter's UCC Picnic in the Park – Food served 4p-8p – Patriotic concert at 7pm by Kiel Municipal Band
- ☐ Sat. July 20th – 10a-2p – Clements Farewell Party (Long term Mission trip to Africa). Christian Life Church, 300 Rustic Rd., Plymouth
- ☐ Sun. July 21 – St. Marks/James Polka and Potluck – 1424 Spring Lake Rd. – 11a Outdoor service, 12p Potluck, 12:30p dancing – see flyer
- ☐ Friday, Aug. 2 – Faith and Family Night @ Timber Rattlers – see flyer
- ☐ August 16-17 – Gospel Music Fest – Hilbert Civic Park – Flyer posted and copies available in the Fellowship Hall

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

*Our new members

*Our graduates Allyson Jeanty, Ryan Jeanty, and Greg Schultz

*The birth of Sebastian Daniel Richard Rugowski (Parents: McKenna & Daniel, Grandparents: Tom & Marie Mueller)

Those struggling with health issues:

Doris Mae Ninmer

Will Mathes

Nancy Henschel

Art Matzdorf

Nancy Zimmermann

Gary Steinhardt

Mason Kannell

Heidi Konen

Dawson Horneck

Darlene Horneck

Tom Lefeber

Ross Westphalen

Brad Westphalen

Wanda Matzdorf

Chad Jeanty

Jessica Horneck

Jim Markelz

Marie Rietbrock

Heather

Mary Beth Molitor

Emily (Melissa's cousin)

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Helen Henning

Doris Mae is now at Willowdale in room 110.
She would welcome any visits or cards.

Congrats to our 2024 Graduates

Allyson Jeanty, Marian University - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychology

Ryan Jeanty, Lakeshore Technical College - Associate Degree - Electro mechanical Automation Technology

Greg Schultz, Kiel High School - Attending Lakeshore Technical College in the fall for Autobody Technician



This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 6/30: 8:30am New Member Meeting; 9:30am Worship followed by Coffee Hour

Monday 7/1:

Tuesday 7/2: ~Happy Birthday McKenna Rugowski and Trent Hanson!!

Wednesday 7/3: ~Happy Birthday Jerry Wehrmann!

Thursday 7/4: ~Happy Birthday Warren Fidlin and Kayla Hanson! Happy Anniversary Brad & Maria Hoban!

Friday 7/5:

Saturday 7/6:

Sunday 7/7: 8:30am New Member Meeting; 9:30am Worship followed by Coffee Hour

**July Pantry Items:
School Supplies**