



**WELCOME**  
*to Our Newest Members!*

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**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver**

**Organist: Polly Jeanty**

*If listening from your car, please tune to 101.3 FM*

**\*= 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

***Lord, You are my shepherd :: in You I have all I need***

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #549**

**"As We Gather"**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 89)**

One: Holy One is with us. God's hand remains with us.

**Many: God's love is steadfast. God's strength is enough. We can rest in God's presence.**

One: Holy Love keeps their covenant from generation to generation and establishes our future.

**Many: God's love is steadfast. God's strength is enough. We can rest in God's presence.**

One: Let us worship God together and praise the Holy Name!

**Many: God's love is steadfast. God's strength is enough. We can rest in God's presence.**

\*OPENING PRAYER:

**Wonderful Creator, you come to us with power and gentleness, strength and compassion, peace and joy. We come to you with hope and hopelessness, love and heartbreak, thanksgiving and lament. You fortify us as we go on our journey, assured of your presence and renewed by your love. Give us rest in our coming and our going. Give us joy in ministering in your name. May our worship restore our soul as we dwell in your presence. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN:#484 all

“The Church's One Foundation”

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE:

**Holy God, we confess that our lives keep us consumed more with doing than with being. We trust in the chariots and horses of our times—our tools, our schemes, our positions. We acknowledge that you call us to rest in your truth, your love, and your peace without abdicating our responsibility to embody your good news in the world. We struggle to balance the rhythms of rest and renewal in our lives and seek your guidance and direction toward a life where you are our peace, our hope, and our standard. Guide us on this path, we pray. Amen. (time of silent reflection...)**

WORDS OF GRACE

Beloved, we do not journey alone.

**In community with the Holy One and one another, we find grace and strength to heed the call to discipleship.**

In Christ, we carry the good news and reflect a God who is near to us.

**God is faithful to redeem and affirms our rest and renewal.**

\*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

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers

to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON

\*HYMN #491 all

“In Christ We Are One Body”

ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**Jerry Wehrmann**

**The Aschenbach Family: Jeremy, Tammy, Evan, Ethan, Colton, Shelby**

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

“Blessed are you, O God, **for all your Goodness to us.**

**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 the Bethlehem Ladies to help support their many service projects throughout the year.)

\*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

**Generous God, we give these gifts to you through this faith community. May you lead and guide us with discernment so that our ministry would give you glory, honor your name, and benefit your creation. 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

\*\*This morning's liturgies were written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl Lindsay and used with permission from ucc.org.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- LOOKING FOR VBS Volunteers! Held August 13-15 from 9a-12p at St. Marks Church. Pastor Schultz has everything planned. Just looking for additional grown-up bodies to assist with the kids. It's a great opportunity for HS or College students. Anyone need volunteer hours? Let Pastor Randy know.
- "I wish to pass along a special 'thank-you' for all the cards and notes that encouraged me during my recovery from a heart attack. Bless you all!" – Will Mathes
- 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

- 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
- Come join other Manitowoc Residents to the Stepping On Workshop. Stepping On is an Evidence Based Falls Prevention Program hosted by the ADRC of the Lakeshore that will take place in September, starting September 12<sup>th</sup> thru October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Kiel Community Center. A weekly workshop that changes how to prepare "Not to Fall" as you age. Learn from experts and gather knowledge directly related to falls prevention. Sign up today for the workshop, seating is limited. All the ADRC of the Lakeshore at 1-877-416-7083 to RSVP.



**Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

**Joys:**

\*Our new members!

\*The birth of Ethan Ryan Westphalen on June 28. (Parents: Ryan & Erin Westphalen -Grandparents: Jerry & Carol Wehrmann)

**Those Grieving:**

Tom and Maria (friends of Umlands) – death of Kyle  
Family of Robert Spindler (brother of Darlean Rumpff)

**Those struggling with health issues:**

Doris Mae Ninmer	Jeanette Wriedt
Ross Westphalen	Wanda Matzdorf
Brad Westphalen	Chad Jeanty
Art Matzdorf	Jessica Horneck
Nancy Zimmermann	Jim Markelz
Gary Steinhardt	Marie Rietbrock
Mason Kannell	Shari
Heidi Konen	Mary Beth Molitor
Dawson Horneck	Emily (Melissa's cousin)
Darlene Horneck	Tom Lefeber
Rhonda Schroeder	Nancy

**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 cards.

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### **PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE BETHLEHEM FAITH COMMUNITY**

Heidi Konen

Cassie Jeanty

The Hemauer family: Hunter, Chelsea, Beau and Dutton

The Pennell family: Kyle, Brianna and Case

Jerry Wehrmann

The Aschenbach Family: Jeremy, Tammy, Evan, Ethan, Colton, Shelby

**WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE THEM! MEMBERS, PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS SO OUR NEW MEMBERS CAN GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOU.**

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today Sunday 7/21:** 9:30am Worship with New Member Reception

**Monday 7/22:** ~Happy Birthday Lynette Steinhardt!

**Tuesday 7/23:**

**Wednesday 7/24:** ~Happy Birthday Tom Rabe! Happy Anniversary Scott & Jane Umland!

**Thursday 7/25:** 8:30a. BUCC @ Immanuel Food Pantry\_~Happy Birthday Bill Schlegel!

**Friday 7/26:** : ~Happy Birthday Jeanette Wriedt! Happy Anniversary Bruce & Polly Jeanty!

**Saturday 7/27:** ~Happy Birthday Tom Brickbauer, Bob Markelz, and Ruthie Rumpff!

**Sunday 7/28:** 9:30am Worship

**July Pantry Items:  
School Supplies**