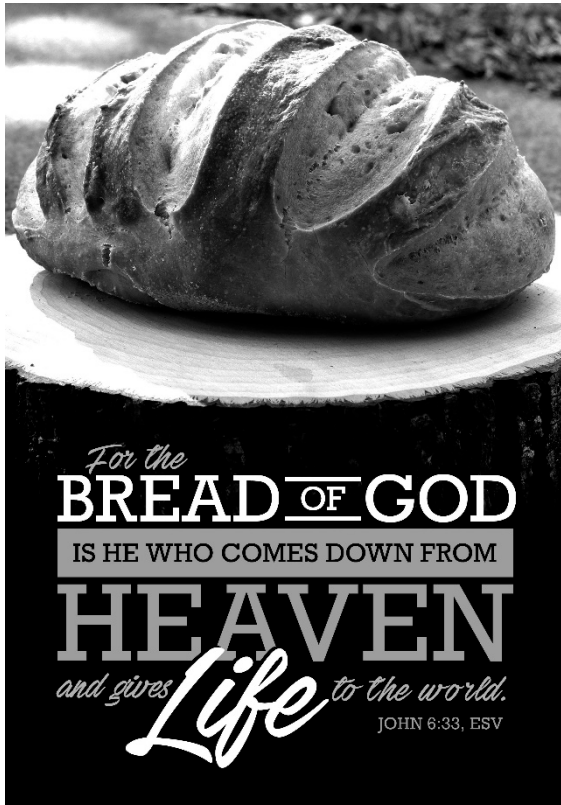


# Bethlehem United Church of Christ



*Sunday, August 5, 2018*  
*Worship Leader:*  
*Rev. Rebecca A. Johnston*  
*Ministers: All the People*  
*Organist: Polly Jeanty*

*We hope that you find a warm welcome at Bethlehem United Church of Christ and will worship with us again soon.*

*Mission Statement*

*We are a caring community of Christians living our faith through worship, study and service to others!*

## **Bethlehem United Church of Christ**

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Sunday School - 8:00 a.m. (Sept. – May)

Worship time is 9:30 a.m.

Office hours Tuesdays 9a-12p, Wednesdays 9a-3p

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**2018 Consistory:**

Elder /President: Bob Radder

Elder: Traci Rabe

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Please use the email address below to submit information, photos, etc. for the church website:

[bethlehemucckiel@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemucckiel@gmail.com)

*Welcome to Bethlehem United Church of Christ! We trust that you will know God's presence here in worship. If you are visiting for the first time, please sign our guest registry outside the sanctuary doors.*

*A special note to families with young children:*

*We have a long tradition at Bethlehem of including children in worship, but we know sometimes their attention spans are not as long as ours. Children under about 6 years old are welcome to borrow a "Bethlehem Bag" from the main doors of the sanctuary, along with books or soft toys from the library, to help occupy them. If necessary, please feel free to accompany your child to the library during the service – you will be able to hear and observe the service from there.*

## Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

\*PLEASE STAND if you are able, where noted by an asterisk.

*Please sign and pass the pew pads during worship. This will help us recognize those who might be visiting. There is one for each row. No need to pass across the aisles.*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL TO WORSHIP #549      *“As We Gather”*

**AS WE GATHER MAY YOUR SPIRIT WORK WITHIN US  
AS WE GATHER MAY WE GLORIFY YOUR NAME  
KNOWING WELL THAT AS OUR HEARTS BEGIN TO WORSHIP  
WE’LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME, WE’LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      *“When that Great Day Comes”*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One:            You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways.  
This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel  
to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life.

**Many:        God of unity, give us this day our daily bread.**

Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you.  
As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—  
faith, hope, and love.

**God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.**

All life is created and nourished by you!

May we grow into new circles of understanding and being,  
reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna.

**Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.**

\*INVOCATION

**Life Sustainer, we receive the things you desire to offer us today and each new day!  
Grant us wisdom and openness to your Word and use its teachings to energize our  
bodies and spirits. Amen.**

\*OPENING SONG

*“It is Well”*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." 'And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

### **John 6:24-35**

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. 'They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

### **SERMON**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #525

*"One Bread, One Body"*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE                      *"Lord's Prayer"*

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION

THE STORY OF OUR FAITH

THE BLESSING AND SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

OFFERTORY                                      *"Beautiful Savior"*

(Jingle Change goes to Families in Need)

++If using a pew envelope, please put your name on it so we can include it on your statement for tax purposes.

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282                      *"Give Thanks"*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**O God, we share these gifts in the spirit of those who shared their loaves and fishes: we ask that you take these gifts and use them to feed all of creation—to produce seed and grain, filling humans and animals alike, and to restore wholeness in the places where malnourishment exists. Amen.**

\*CLOSING SONG                                      *"When the Roll is Called up Yonder"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *(Info. for next Sunday's bulletin is due to Randy/Melissa Koppenhaver by Tuesday night. [randynmel5@gmail.com](mailto:randynmel5@gmail.com) or 286-2531.)*

- If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please make sure to contact Rev. Johnston or Randy. We cannot always rely upon the hospitals to contact us. Thanks.
- Don't forget about the ecumenical worship at City Park in Kiel on Sunday, August 12 @ 9:30am. Our leadership team will be dividing duties, with Randy participating in Kiel and Pastor Becky holding services at Bethlehem. Please attend the service of your choice!

- “HHT” is an all male, a cappella chorus based in Plymouth, Wisconsin. We are the Plymouth Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The Society, along with the affiliated organizations, boast over 80,000 male members world-wide! We were chartered on February 18th, 1970. "HHT" is a group of all-around "good guys who love to sing." We are under the direction of Mr. Brad Charles of Milwaukee WI. HHT is currently comprised of sixteen men from five Wisconsin counties. HHT performs a variety of music including spiritual, patriotic, comedy and show tunes along with traditional songs in the barbershop style, a unique American music genre. This style of singing is described as four-part, unaccompanied, close-harmony singing, with the melody in the second voice, called the "lead." Tenor (counter-tenor voice) harmonizes above the lead singer, bass sings the lowest harmonizing notes, and the baritone provides the in-between notes to form consonant, pleasing chords. It has been further described as a "melting pot" product of African-American musical devices, European hymn-singing culture, and an American tradition of recreational music. Melodies are in the vocal and skill range of the average singer, with lyrical emphasis on simple, heartfelt emotions.

### **Bethlehem’s Annual Garage Sale & Bake Sale**

Volunteers needed:

Set Up: Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 pm.

Sell: Fri. August 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 am through 4 pm

Sell: Sat. August 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 am through noon

Clean Up: Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> starting at noon.

This year’s garage sale will be at the Brickbauer home as it has been in the past.

Donate - If you have household items, clothing, toys, seasonal decorations, etc which you can no longer use, consider donating these for the garage sale. Items can be dropped off at the Brickbauer’s during the week. If you do not have a place to store such items until August, please contact a member of the Merry Christians so that we can make arrangements.

Bake – Plan to bake some items for the bake sale table that weekend.

Sign up sheets for work times are available at the church. Times are flexible. Every half hour can make a difference in sharing the workload.

The Bethlehem Blurb email comes out each Thursday. If you signed up and you are not receiving it, please check your “junk” mail or “spam” folder. If you’d like to receive it, you may sign up on our webpage:

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

**Today, Sunday 8/5:** 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship w/ Communion; *Happy Birthday Donna Truttman!*

**Monday 8/6:**

**Tuesday 8/7:** *Happy Birthday Tony Bowe!*

**Wednesday 8/8:** 4pm Garage Sale Set up; *Happy Birthday David Meyer!*

**Thursday 8/9:** *Happy Birthday David Radder!*

**Friday 8/10:** 8am-4pm Garage Sale; *Happy Birthday Courtney Krebsbach!*

**Saturday 8/11:** 8am-12pm Garage Sale w/ cleanup afterward

**Sunday 8/12:** 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship (Choose the ecumenical service at Kiel City Park, or worship at BUCC) *Happy Anniversary Chad & Tammy Westphalen!*

**Pantry item: Jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly**

## Community Announcements:

*(Please check the bulletin board for more details. **Community events are published in our bulletin as space and time permits.** For best results, email or call the bulletin secretary)*

None at this time