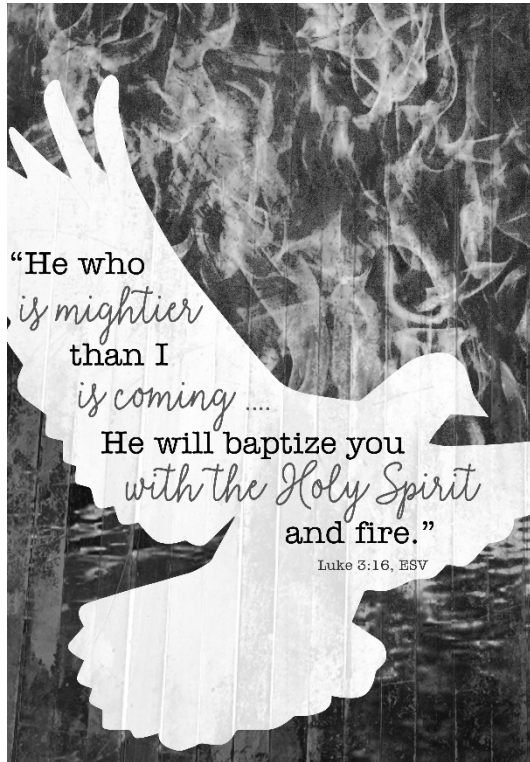


Bethlehem United Church of Christ



Sunday, January 13, 2019

Worship Leader:

Rev. Rebecca A. Johnston

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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

Mission Statement

As Disciples of Christ, we are a loving, caring community of faith, called to witness to God's grace and glory. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit to love, nurture, respect, encourage and challenge each other. Rooted in the tradition of our Christian ancestors, we live our faith through worship, fellowship, teaching and service to others.

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sunday School begins at 8:00 a.m.

Worship time is 9:30 a.m.

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

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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.

The Baptism of Our Lord

*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/LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Gathering Choral (see insert)

"Come Build a Church"

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship God our Creator.

People: God calls us by name and knows us.

Leader: God promises to walk beside us and keep us safe.

People: God calls us by name and walks beside us.

Leader: We are precious in God's sight and loved by God.

People: God calls us by name and welcomes us.

*INVOCATION

The cool water streamed down the face of Christ. The heavens parted, and, O God, you announced your love. Gather us into that love this day as your beloved children, touched by the cooling waters, blessed with your peace. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #39

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Shepherd Song"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MESSAGE

*HYMN #310

"World Peace Prayer"

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

One: The covenant of Baptism is a reminder to us of God's grace. Within these cool waters, we dwell in God's peace.

All: Within these cool waters we dwell in God's justice.

One: Within these cool waters we are encompassed by God's compassion.

All: Within these cool waters we are encompassed by the Kin-dom.

One: Within these cool waters we are marked as God's beloved.

All: Within these cool waters we are marked for death, transformation and for resurrection with Christ each and every day.

One: The baptismal waters are a place to play. It is here we remember that God lavishly splashes grace around this world. God fills our cups to overflowing. God submerges our sinful nature and declares us fit to live in love with God and one another. Come. Play. Remember your baptism. Remember God's grace.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God Above ye heav'nly hosts

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ...LORD'S PRAYER

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.

RESPONSE

"Masithi"

Amen, we praise your name O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Amen, amen, amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name or God.

OFFERTORY (Jingle Change goes to Mission Trip)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Tune to Old Hundredth)

O God, may we who bear your name

By gentle love your grace proclaim,

Christ's gift of peace on earth declare

And your anointing Spirit share. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you give to us all we have. You give us grace. You give us care. Today, we pray that you do not just give but that you take; take our lives and shape them to be lives of grace and care for one another. Take our lives and shape them to be your voice of love in this world. Take our lives and shape them to be the lives that you find well-pleasing. Amen.

*HYMN #237

“Loving Spirit”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 – annual **Chili Supper** hosted by Choir and Youth Group. Sign up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. We need additional workers and tortes. Tickets for the chili supper are available for you to purchase, or if you would like to sell to friends, family and neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Kaye Radder at 894-7229.

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

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 1/13: 8am Sunday School; 8:15am Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; Coffee/Fellowship time; *Happy Birthday Ryan Westphalen!*

Monday 1/14: *Happy Birthday Shirley Henschel and Mekenzie Biwan!*

Tuesday 1/15: *Happy Birthday Judy Mueller and Bill Biwan!*

Wednesday 1/16: 6pm Confirmation Class; *Happy Birthday Lisa Rabe!*

Thursday 1/17:

Friday 1/18:

Saturday 1/19: *Happy Birthday Hailey Wirtz!*

Sunday 1/20: 8am Sunday School; 8:15am Adult Study; 8:30am Beth. Ladies; 9:30am Worship; *Following worship: Young at Heart Brunch and Bowling*

Pantry item: Can of Soup