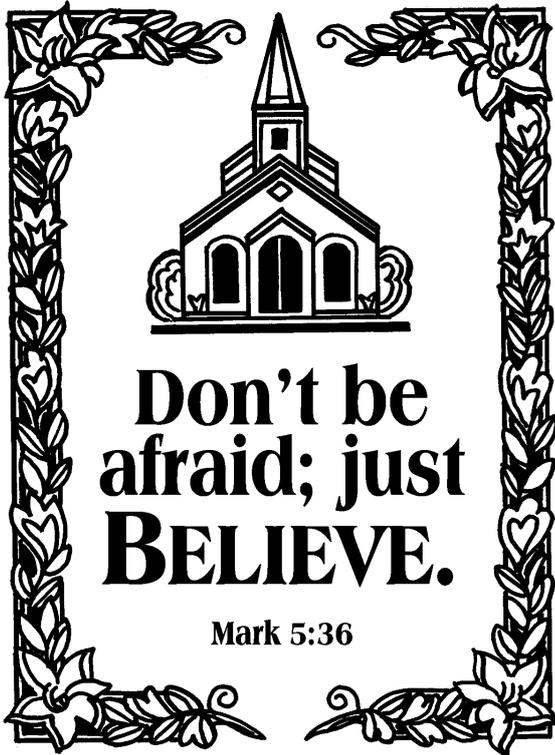


Bethlehem United Church of Christ



Sunday, July 1, 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.

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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.

Sixth 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Every day we brush up against God.

ALL: We brush against God in long-term friendships and relationship, and also in instances of closeness with folk we lock eyes with in a crowd.

ONE: We brush against God in moments of great joy and places so painful they appear unbearable, in outrageous laughter, in times of deep calm, in rich learning and situations of foolhardy lack of caution.

ALL: We brush against God on mountaintops, in raging rivers, in bustling city streets and twittering forests. In the work of our hands and the beauty of a poem, in the stillness of prayer and the deafening noise of a rock concert.

ONE: And God brushes against us, always inviting us into beauty and grace.
Come, let us worship God.

*INVOCATION

Brush up against us in this holy space, God of grace. Heighten our awareness of your presence in our lives. Enliven our senses to your touch. Open our eyes and enable us to see richness and beauty in everything we encounter. Whisper your promise of hope into our ears, and embolden us to reach out to you in all the circumstances of our lives that we bring with us this day. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #553 "Gather Us In"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24

because God did not make death,
and he does not delight in the death of the living.
For he created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,

and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
For righteousness is immortal.
for God created us for incorruption,
and made us in the image of his own eternity,
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his company experience it.

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 OF RESPONSE

"When the Poor Ones"

see insert

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.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE STORY OF OUR FAITH

THE BLESSING AND SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 (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

*HYMN #325 *"Just As I Am"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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:



YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Rural Church Fellowship
Summer Volleyball Schedule

All games begin at 6:30pm

JULY 1st – BYE WEEK FOR ALL TEAMS

July 8, 2018

Immanuel/Bethel @ St. Marks/St.
James
Bethlehem @ Saron

July 15, 2018

St. Marks/St. James @ Bethlehem
Saron @ Immanuel/Bethel

July 22, 2018

St. Marks/St. James @ Saron
Bethlehem @ Immanuel/Bethel

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

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 7/1: 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship w/ Communion; NO youth Volleyball;

Monday 7/2:

Tuesday 7/3:

Wednesday 7/4: *Happy Birthday Doris Rabe!*

Thursday 7/5:

Friday 7/6: *Happy Birthday Jason Brockway and Cody Dalka! Happy Anniversary Warren & Diane Fidlin!*

Saturday 7/7: *Happy Birthday Joseph Schuler! Happy Anniversary Mark & Dawn Wirtz and Aaron & Rachel Suttner!*

Sunday 7/8: 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; 6:30pm Youth Volleyball @ Saron

Pantry item: School Supplies