

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

FOR THE SON OF MAN
CAME NOT TO BE SERVED
BUT TO SERVE,
AND TO GIVE HIS

Life a Ransom

FOR MANY.



Sunday, October 21, 2018

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

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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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.

Twenty-Second 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 (based on Psalm 104)

One: Creator God, who made the whole earth, be present to us now.

All: Bless God, O my soul. My God, you are very great!

One: O God, you ride on the wings of the wind, and you bless us with your presence.

All: Bless God, O my soul. My God, you are very great!

One: Speak to us O God, Creator and Provider.

All: Let us hear your voice and feel your presence as we worship.

*INVOCATION

God of grace and glory, we come to you this day surrounded by your beautiful creation. Open us to experience the love and gentleness that is all around us, despite all that might seek to drown it out. Help us to find the goodness in others and to promote your love that offers hope and new life to all. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #259 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Job 38:1-7

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MESSAGE

*HYMN #442 "The Servant Song"

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 Neighbors in Need)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (Sing verse twice)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Sing verse twice)

Give thanks, Give thanks

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Parent God, may this offering assist us
in continuing Christ's work in the world
to heal the grief, transgressions, and illnesses
that oppress and harm your creation. Amen.**

*HYMN #75

“Ye Servants of God”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Info. for next Sunday's bulletin is due to Randy/Melissa
Koppenhaver by Tuesday night. 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.
- The choir of Bethlehem United Church of Christ will be participating in a joint Christmas concert this year with First Congregational UCC, Salem UCC, and St. Peter's UCC. Please join us at St. Peter's UCC on December 9th at 4:00pm for a concert full of beautiful music that will put you in the Christmas spirit.
BUCC choir is looking for voices to add for Sundays and for the Joint Christmas Concert! If you are interested in singing with us for the Christmas Concert, we hold rehearsals at BUCC at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights. One joint rehearsal will be held at St. Peter's UCC on Wednesday December 5th at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Natasha Verhulst, BUCC choir director at (920)286-0517, or by email at nbehnke17@gmail.com.

HEIFER AUCTION NEXT SUNDAY!!!

More than 30 years ago Ron Schreiber and his wife Joyce introduced Bethlehem UCC to their passion for the mission work of Heifer International. Over the years they initiated various fund raisers including sale of wooden animal ornaments and of course the Heifer Project Auction. As a tribute to Ron and Joyce, the Merry Christians would like to make this our best auction ever. We can only do so with your help.

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Following the worship service you are invited participate in the annual Heifer Project auction in the fellowship hall. The proceeds from this auction will provide livestock to needy families throughout the world. You are encouraged to donate baked goods, crafts, children's items, garden produce, services, etc. And then, you are asked to bid with your heart.

Questions – ask the Merry Christians. Refreshments will be served.

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)*

- Sunday, October 21, 10am – Mark Behle, Global Ministries Missionary @ St. James UCC– Followed by Ham Dinner from 11-1.
- Sunday, October 21, 11a-1:30p - Fall Festival – Holy Rosary, New Holstein

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:
www.bethlehemkiel.org

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 10/21: 8am Sunday School; 8:15a Adult Study; 8:30am Bethlehem Ladies; 9:30am Worship;

Monday 10/22: 6:30pm Rural Church Fellowship mtg @ BUCC; *Happy Birthday Harold Shaver!*

Tuesday 10/23: *Happy Anniversary Steve & Ruthie Rumpff!*

Wednesday 10/24: 6pm Confirmation; 6:30pm Choir; *Happy Anniversary Randy & Melissa Koppenhaver!*

Thursday 10/25: 6:30pm United Churchmen and women's dinner at Lakeland (tickets \$16); *Happy Anniversary Bob & Kaye Radder!*

Friday 10/26:

Saturday 10/27: *Happy Birthday Ailya Arnold, Tyson Arnold and Steve Deignan!*

Sunday 10/28: 8am Sunday School; 8:15a Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; Heifer Project Auction; *Happy Birthday Heather Thiry! Happy Anniversary Dale & Darlene Horneck and Tony and Sandy Tesch!*

Pantry item: Cleaning Supplies