

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

THE BLIND MAN SAID TO HIM,

*"My teacher,
let me see again."*

Mark 10:51, NRSV



Sunday, October 28, 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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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-Third 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

Leader: Healing God, we come here seeking wholeness.

People: Open our eyes to see your presence.

Leader: Caring God, we come to you with all our concerns.

People: Help us to trust that our faith can make us whole.

Leader: Loving God, surround us and all people, with your amazing love.

People: Embolden us to follow in your way.

*INVOCATION

Ever-calling God,

**We give thanks that you have gathered us into your church
and graced us with your faithful presence.**

**We ponder our history, ancient and still developing,
and marvel at the many expressions of your church.**

**Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church
that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.**

**Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us,
into Jesus' vision and dream**

that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

*OPENING HYMN: #36 "From All that Dwell below the Skies"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Then Job answered the LORD:

'I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

“Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?”

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

“Hear, and I will speak;

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

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,

but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself,

and repent in dust and ashes.’

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart; get up, he is calling you.’ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

MESSAGE

*HYMN #354

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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

Reform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world into which we send them. Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love! Amen.

*HYMN #74

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

BENEDICTION...POSTLUDE

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

TODAY!!! Sunday, Oct 28th - Heifer Project International Auction – Following the worship service you are invited to 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. Refreshments will be served.

- *If you are interested in a Mission Trip next summer, please join us for a meeting next Sunday following worship. If you are interested and cannot make the meeting, let a pastor know!*

- The Bethlehem Ladies are taking orders for Poinsettias. They are \$8.50 each and the colors available are red, white and pink. The last Sunday to order Poinsettias is December 2nd. The Poinsettias can be taken home on Christmas Day after worship service. The sign up is on the table in the fellowship hall. Cash or checks to "Bethlehem Ladies" can be given to Polly Jeanty or Jeanette Wriedt. Thank you!!!
- *It's WREATH SALE time again!! Please see a member of the youth fellowship to order your wreath. Orders are due November 4!*
- 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! 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.

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)

- Heartland Hospice Services are looking for folks to visit some of their patients in our area. Training is provided. If you would like more information check the bulletin board.

St Mark's UCC Mission Fest is November 11 at 10am. Luann Travis from Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice is the speaker.

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 10/28: 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!*

Monday 10/29: *Happy Birthday Ken Behnke and Hudson Hoban!*

Tuesday 10/30: *Happy Birthday Nikki Meunier!*

Wednesday 10/31: 6pm Confirmation; 6:30pm Choir; *Happy Birthday Laura Mueller and Joel Schuler!*

Thursday 11/1: *Happy Birthday Mark Riesterer!*

Friday 11/2: *Happy Birthday Carolyn Riesterer!*

Saturday 11/3: *Happy Birthday Doris Mae Nimmer! Happy Anniversary Dan & Ann Sneed!*

Sunday 11/4: 8am Sunday School; 8:15a Adult Study; 9:30am Worship w/ Communion; *Happy Birthday Todd Krebsbach! Happy Anniversary Steve & Jennifer Deignan!*

Pantry item: Box of Cake Mix or Frosting