



**Bethlehem United
Church of Christ**

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Worship led by: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please gather in the fellowship hall prior to worship. Following the opening prayer we will sing and process in while waving our palm branches. (Use caution when waving branches)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (gently wave branches on response)

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

(loudly) **Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

(loudly) **Hosanna! Blessed is our King who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

(loudly) **Blessed is Jesus, our Savior, and our friend! Glory to the Creator and the Spirit, ever three and ever one! AMEN!**

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God,

Source, Savior, and Spirit of all life,

Holy Three and Holy One,

In you, we confront the mystery of mercy and the courage of compassion.

As we face the Cross on which Christ gave himself,

we confront your willingness to die for us so that we might find new life.

**As the Spirit speaks to us through the story of your amazing love,
spilled out in the blood of Christ,**

our hearts are moved to praise you.

Words cannot express our awe,

the grief and the gratitude stirring within us,

for all you have given us,

and for all you will give us through such unspeakable love.

We fall silent in wonder and praise, Holy God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #178 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

THE TRIUNE GOD

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760-ca. 821

Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

Trans. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One;
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.

The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went; Our
To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise; To
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King, To

praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A - men.

ST. THEODULPH
7.6.7.6.11

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #187

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (wave branches)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
Filled with wonder and praise,
we acknowledge to you how often we fall short of your purposes for us.

**We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd
than follow Christ; we prefer to avoid conflict
rather than stand up for your mercy and understanding.**

**We allow strident voices in our times
to drown out your wisdom and truth.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Fill us with the courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus,
even when the cost to follow is high
and reputations are at stake,
for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

(silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Apostle Paul wrote: "This saying is sure and worthy of our full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners".

**It doesn't matter how big or how small our sins,
God's forgiving love in Jesus Christ can cover them all.**

Trust that, in Christ, we are forgiven.

Be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

Thanks be to God. Amen

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father, And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118 vs 1-2; 19-29

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it
you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If
anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those
who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its
owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then
they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As
he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching
the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to
praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,
'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He
answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

SERMON

*HYMN #184 vs 1-5 "Were you There?"

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*RESPONSE "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be:

All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, when we look at what you have done for us in Jesus Christ, our offering seems so small. Yet the story of Jesus tells us five loaves and two fish can feed a multitude, and a man condemned to death on a cross becomes Living Bread for a hungry world. Accept the gifts we offer you today, and use them to ensure that Jesus' story will be told for generations to come. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (congregation may be seated)

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please wait to be dismissed by an usher. Thank you.)

2022 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

Elder/President - Steve Voland (920)286-0162 or svoland44@gmail.com

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Jingle Change Update

At the March consistory meeting, it was decided that collections in March would be given the UCC's Ukrainian Relief Fund rather than OCWM. We will continue this collection through April. We also encourage support of One Great Hour of Sharing, which will be done with envelopes rather than Jingle Change.

OGHS is non-denominational and supports disaster relief, refugee crises, hunger, etc.

Those in our thoughts and prayers:



Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Jody Nenahlo
Dale Horneck

Those struggling with health issues:

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| Steve Kornely | Glen Schad |
| Signe Burkhart | Hailey Wirtz |
| Kenzie Koppenhaver | Darlene Horneck |
| Hattie Lucille | Vernon Henschel |
| Elizabeth Loose | Warren Fidlin |
| Jane Markelz | Olivia Marie |
| Karl (nephew of Will and Lora) | Everett Henning |
| Steve Rumpff | Helen Henning |
| Jessica Horneck | |

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer
Leah Henning – Deployed to Japan

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *The Bethlehem Players will be performing the Maundy Thursday play, "Have You Seen My Son?" at 7pm on Thursday evening April 14.*
- *Field of Dreams is NOW ACCEPTING visitors. Please arrange a visit with Merlin and Doris Mae and continue to keep them in your prayers.*
- *Leah Henning is stationed in Japan. Send cards and letters to: (standard US postage rates)*
Sgt. Leah Henning
31st MEU CE S-3
Unit 35621
FPO, AP 96385-5621

Upcoming Community Events:

All you can Eat Potato and Buttermilk Pancake Dinner

on Sunday April 24, 2022 from 4-7pm

Also Serving: Brats, Hamburgers, Applesauce, Desserts, Milk, & Coffee

Cost: \$12.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for Children 6-10 years, Free for Children 5 & Under

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, 1702 Van Buren St. New Holstein, WI 53061

The proceeds will benefit the Zion LYF for the National Youth Gathering in Houston Texas this July

Kiel Community Center News: Questions please call Missy at 920-894-7861

Meals on Wheels is again serving in person dining at the Kiel Community center. If you are 60 yrs. and over and would like to join other for a delicious lunch and a few laughs please call Missy at 894-7861 by noon prior to the day you would like to eat here. Please see the attached menu.

Guest speaker series: held at the community center upper level the first Monday of the month.

May 2nd: A representative from the Kiel VFW will be here

Strong Women/Strong Bodies: Spring/Summer Schedule: April 12th to June 30th. Class is held in the lower level of the Kiel Community Center, cost is \$25. Class times are 9 am, 10:30 am and 6 pm on Tuesday and Thursdays

Mahjong is played Tuesday's from 1:00 to 4 pm in the upper level of the Kiel Community Center. No experience necessary new members always welcomed.

Upcoming Events at the Kiel Performing Arts Center:

April 13 - KAAC "In the Know" event - 6:00 pm - no charge, open to the public

April 23 - Luminae Trio - featuring local "product" Jestin Pieper - 7:00 pm - \$20 tickets - tickets available at www.showtix4u.com/events/KielPAC

April 28 - Kiel Middle School Bands Spring Concert - 7:00 pm - free concert

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 4/10: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Palm Sunday Worship

Monday 4/11: ~Happy Birthday Trevor Rabe!

Tuesday 4/12: 6:30p Consistory Mtg

Wednesday 4/13:

Thursday 4/14: 7pm Maundy Thursday Drama ~Happy Birthday Kerry Rumpff, Brandon Schmitt, Ryan Schmitt, Noah Biwan, Trevor Muehlbauer, and Jacob Riesterer!

Friday 4/15: 7pm Good Friday Worship at Bethel UCC; ~Happy Birthday Dawson Horneck! Happy Anniversary Gary and Doris Rabe!

Saturday 4/16: ~Happy Birthday Blake Holz! Happy Anniversary Bill & Karen Schlegel!!

Sunday 4/17: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Easter Sunday Worship w/ Communion; ~Happy Birthday Emerson Witkowski!

April – Bottle of hand soap, dish soap or shampoo