



Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Worship led by: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Polly Jeanty

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: This day dawns brightly!

P: Hope is restored!

L: Christ is Risen!

P: He has conquered death!

L: Come, open your hearts and spirits to the joyous Good News!

P: Let us celebrate the greatest victory of all time. Christ is Risen! Amen!

*** OPENING PRAYER**

**Living God, on this most joyous day
we offer our thanks and praise to You;
creator of heaven and earth,
creator and lover of all humanity.**

**We bless You for creating the whole world,
for Your promises to Your people Israel,
and for the life we know in Jesus Christ Your Son.**

**Even when we turned away from You, You never rejected us.
You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets;
promising to swallow up death forever
and to host a banquet for all people;
a feast of life-giving sustenance.**

We praise you for Christ Jesus,

**Your Word Incarnate made Flesh.
Born of Mary, He shares our life.
Eating with sinners, He welcomes us.
Leading His followers, He guides us.
Dying on the cross, He rescues us.
Risen from the dead, He gives new life.**

**Most resilient God, Source of all that is eternally raised up,
we give you thanks for your unspeakable gift of Christ Jesus.
Amen.**

— from *Easter 3A worship elements*, posted on the <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> website.

*OPENING HYMN #196 (all) “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:33-49

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

SERMON “John Updike and Edith Easter”

*HYMN #203 (all) “Thine is the Glory”

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**

Most Gracious God, you proclaimed your powerful love by raising Jesus from death to eternal life. We are grateful that you forgive our sins and bring peace to all who trust in you. Help us to offer your forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships with people in our lives. May we respond to your tremendous love with glad and generous hearts. We dedicate these gifts and offerings in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen. (Acts 10:34-43)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

O Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for your grace that through your Son Jesus Christ you established this supper in which we eat his body and drink his blood.

By your Holy Spirit, help us to use this gift worthily, to confess and forsake our sins, to confidently believe that we are forgiven through Christ, and to grow in faith and love day by day until we come at last to the joy of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Source: Veit Dietrich, 1506-1549

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:

Steve Kornely

Signe Burkhart

Kenzie Koppenhaver

Hattie Lucille

Elizabeth Loose

Jane Markelz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Steve Rumpff

Jessica Horneck

Glen Schad

Hailey Wirtz

Darlene Horneck

Vernon Henschel

Warren Fidlin

Olivia Marie

Everett Henning

Helen Henning

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Leah Henning – Deployed to Japan

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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.

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.

This Week at Bethlehem:

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

Monday 4/18:;

Tuesday 4/19: ~Happy Birthday Dominck Sheets!

Wednesday 4/20: 6pm Confirmation class; *** SPIRIT ARTICLES DUE***

Thursday 4/21:

Friday 4/22: ~Happy Birthday Amy Wempner!

Saturday 4/23: ~Happy Birthday Kaye Radder!

Sunday 4/24: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship w/ Confirmation;

April - Bottle of hand soap, dish soap or shampoo

Upcoming Events at the Kiel Performing Arts Center:

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