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Parking lot worship for

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Polly Jeanty

Thanks for attending our drive-in worship service. Please remember the guidelines below:

- The church will be open for restroom use only.
- The rules for social distancing remain in effect. Stay a minimum of 6 feet from each other and wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose.
- Scrip will be available for purchase before and after worship. We ask that when purchasing scrip cards that only one person be at the scrip table at a time.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus the Christ said, I am the Good Shepherd.

All: We have come to follow him.

One: We gather in the name of the One who leads us by still waters.

All: We have come to be restored in him.

One: We gather in the name of the One who prepares a banquet for us.

All: We have come to be fed by his love, so let us worship God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

Lord God, our good and loving shepherd,

You nourish our lives and lead us into green pastures.

You restore our souls with rest and peace.

You give us true joy so our cup overflows with goodness.

You walk with us through the darkest valleys,

offering us courage and compassion.

**At all times and in all circumstances, you are with us,
Creator, Redeemer and Guiding Spirit,
so we praise you, Holy One, now and always. Amen.**

SONG #243

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient God, your mercy is abundant and your love endless.
Trusting in your mercy,
we confess that often we have not shown your love to others,
even though we claim it for ourselves.
You have called us to show compassion,
but too often we are quick to judge others.
You have been called to follow Jesus,
yet we are distracted by our own plans and desires.
Forgive us for falling short of your hopes for us
and renew a right spirit within us. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting.
Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, God’s generous love reaches out to embrace us.
**We are forgiven and set free to begin again.
Let us give thanks for God’s most generous love. 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 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

John 10:11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

SERMON

SONG #431

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION: AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

INVITATION

SENTENCES

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

L: Do you believe in God?

PEOPLE: I believe in God.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE CANDIDATES (Pastor and confirmands)

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

L: Let us pray in silence. *(A period of silent prayer)*

Let us pray together.

ALL : Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION (Each confirmand will receive an individual blessing. At this time family members and sponsors may come forward to stand near or "lay hands" upon the one being confirmed. Please wear masks and social distance from those not of your household. After each blessing, guests should return to their seats while confirmands remain up front)

PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION

WELCOME

L: Let us, the members of Bethlehem United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

PEOPLE: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

PRAYER

CLOSING

L: Go in the peace of Christ. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

SONG #516

"I was There to Hear your Borning Cry"

PASTORAL PRAYER (Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy" The congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**")

... 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.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Live for God every moment of every day. Take time to bow down in gratitude for God's love.

We seek to live as people who know God. Because we are loved, we dare to love others.

Do not be afraid to witness to your growing faith. Do not hesitate to show the fruits of abiding in Christ.

We will turn to the perfect love that casts out fear. We will tell of that love to future generations.

You have been equipped and empowered by love. God is filling your life with purpose and energy.

We love because God first loved us. We go out to serve as apostles of Jesus Christ. Amen

POSTLUDE

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Margaret Erdmann (sister of Jeanette Wriedt)
Larry Madson

Those struggling with health issues:

Tom Brickbauer
Amy Wempner
Warren Fidlin
Macullen Schnell
Dan Wempner
Ross Westphalen

Julia
Karen Schlegel
Jane Markelz
Dale Horneck
Olivia Marie
Jessica Horneck

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer, Carol Meiselwitz,

Other concerns:

Recent victims of gun violence

People of Myanmar

Division in the U.S.

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Health Care workers

Those whose businesses are struggling

Those who are out of work

People who live in places where violence prevails.

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BETHLEHEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:



During the month of May, we will again be collecting items for the Milwaukee Guest House's Undy 500.

Please bring **NEW** men's undergarments and socks. They are especially in need of L, XL, and 2XL t-shirts for their residents.

DELEGATES Needed!!

We are seeking members who would like to be delegates to the WI Conference Annual Meeting. The whole thing is virtual this year. Events and activities span May 11-16, but the main business meeting is the morning of May 16th. Please contact Randy if you are willing and able to represent Bethlehem.

Plan a visit to one of our homebound members!

Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

Carol Meiselwitz is at The Waterford in Plymouth. Monday-Friday by appointment only. (920-892-4635)

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 4/25: 9:30a Drive-In worship w/ Confirmation;

Monday 4/26:

Tuesday 4/27: *Happy Birthday Ryan Rabe and Mia Watson!*

Wednesday 4/28: *Happy Birthday Bob Radder!*

Thursday 4/29: *Happy Birthday Louie Bowe!*

Friday 4/30:

Saturday 5/1: *Happy Anniversary Kerry & Sharon Rumpff and Rick & Linda Rabe!*

Sunday 5/2: 9:30a Drive-In worship w/ Communion; *Happy Birthday Chris Freund and Barb Henning!*

Pantry item: Bottle of Laundry Soap or Fabric Softener

Who's Who in the Confirmation class!!

Joey Friend is a 9th grader at Kiel High School. His parents are David and Jennifer Friend. He has two older siblings, Jacob and Leah. His family lives in the country outside School Hill. Joey is an active member of FFA.



Greg Schultz is a 9th grader at Kiel High School. His parents are Garrett and Ginny Schultz. He has an older sister, Dayna. His family lives in the country outside of New Holstein. Greg is a member of the football team and enjoys four-wheeling and water skiing with his family on Cedar Lake.

Kendra Muehlbauer is an 8th grader at Kiel Middle School. Her parents are Eric and Dawn Muehlbauer. She has two older sisters, Brooke and Rachel, and an older brother, Trevor. They live in the country north of Kiel. Kendra enjoys running and is a member of the cross country team. She also participates in dance classes and playing soccer, and spends her free time playing with her dogs.



Carolyn Riesterer is an 8th grader at Kiel Middle School. Her parents are Mark and Brenda Riesterer. She has two younger siblings, Courtney and Jacob. Her family lives in the country where Carolyn enjoys outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, walking and swimming. At school she participates in volleyball and track, as well as singing in the choir. She really enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and pets.

Lily Watson is an 8th grader at Kiel Middle School. Her parents are Lee and Nicki Watson. She has two older siblings, Noah and Zoe, and a younger sister, Mia. Her family lives in the country between Kiel and New Holstein. Lily is an avid runner and participates in cross country and track. She also enjoys soccer, dancing, (just for fun), and swimming. She is a member of the 8th grade choir.



Harrison Zorn is an 8th grader at Kiel Middle School. His parents are Ken Zorn and Bonnie Zorn. He has an older sister, Julia. Harrison lives in the country outside of Kiel. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoys deer hunting, bass fishing, fly fishing and ice fishing. He plays football, basketball and baseball as well. Harrison loves being outdoors and spending time with friends and family.