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Parking lot worship for

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

All: Christ has led us from death to life.

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

All: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.

One: Christ has risen from the dead.

All: He has risen indeed.

One: Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah, this day and always!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Duet by Ryan Rabe and Kathy Bowe

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of life and love, Maker of all things visible and invisible;

on the first day of creation, you spoke, and out of chaos came life;

out of darkness came light. On the first day of the week, you raised Christ from

the tomb, and out of death came new life. On the first day of this week, you call

us to gather in Christ's name, to rejoice in the power of resurrection and claim your gift of new life in the Spirit. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto you, O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, this day and always. Amen

SONG #196

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sins before God and one another:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
you raised Jesus from the grave,
and shattered the power of sin and death.
But we confess that we remain captive to fear,
and bound to habits that hold us back from enjoying new life in Christ.
Indifference deadens our hearts, and we seek comfort rather than justice.
We cling to hurt, resentment, and disappointment
and refuse the freedom that comes with forgiveness.
Forgive us, O God, and restore us to the joy and new possibility
promised to us in Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ—and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace. **Thanks Be to God, Amen**

RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two

were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

MESSAGE

SONG #206

"He Lives"

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE STORY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With hearts lifted high, O God, ...to raise the song of your unending goodness and greatness:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

O Christ, our Risen Lord, receive our praise and joy this day...And so we proclaim our faith and our hope as we say:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Spirit of Life,...So we are bold to pray for our daily bread as you taught us:

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.

THE FRACTION & ELEVATION
SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have nourished us with bread broken and wine poured out to strengthen us for our journey. And you have put your Spirit into our hands to take your peace with us wherever we go. You rise in us in spite of all that challenges us within our own lives and in the world you love. You rise in us to mend our broken hearts and put us back together again so that we can befriend the world, and make peace for all God's people in your name. Send us out as your witnesses to share your peace and your grace with hope and humility for your sake. Amen.

#570 "HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Each petition ends with "Resurrect, renew and revive your people, O God" the congregation responds, "**Hear our Prayer**"

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Margaret Erdmann (sister of Jeanette Wriedt)

Those struggling with health issues:

Cassie Jeanty

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:

Division in the U.S.

The people of Myanmar

Health Care workers

Those who are out of work

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Those whose businesses are struggling

People who live in places where violence prevails.

BETHLEHEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are seeking members who would like to be delegates to the Northeast Association annual meeting. The meeting will have 2 parts: First a virtual meeting on Saturday, April 10 from 9-11am. The second portion of the meeting is planned in-person on Saturday, October 16 from 9-11am at Our Savior's UCC in Ripon. Please let Randy know TODAY if you are willing to be the delegate.

Plan a visit to one of our homebound members! Assisted living facilities are taking visitors again!

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer 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)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None at this time

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Treasurer - Jane Umland (920)286-2175 jm59umland@gmail.com

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 4/4: 9:30a Easter Sunday Drive-In worship; *Happy Birthday Greg Schultz!*

Monday 4/5:

Tuesday 4/6: *Happy Birthday Lily Watson!*

Wednesday 4/7: 6:30pm Confirmation; *Happy Birthday Marie Mueller!*

Thursday 4/8: *Happy Birthday Will Mathes!*

Friday 4/9:

Saturday 4/10: Northeast Assoc. Annual Meeting 9a-11am (virtual)

Sunday 4/11: 9:30a Drive-In worship; *Happy Birthday Trevor Rabe!*

Pantry item: Bottle of Hand soap, Dish soap or Shampoo