

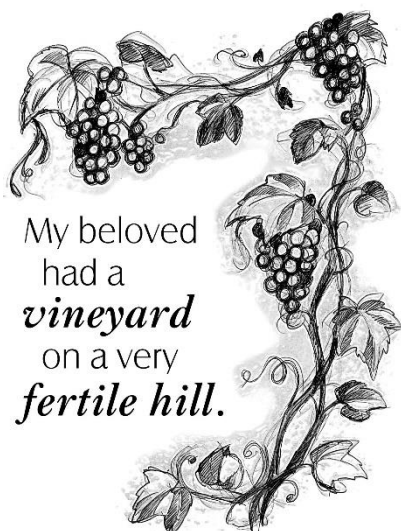
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My beloved
had a
vineyard
on a very
fertile hill.

Isaiah 5:1, NRSV

Sunday, August 14, 2022
Worship led by: Randy Koppenhaver
Organist: Polly Jeanty

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, our Shepherd,

gather us together and lead us like a flock.

O God, our Gardener,

plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.

O God, our Merciful Judge,

we call upon your name in prayer and praise.

We bow before you, O God,

and offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of majesty and mystery,

**we gather today in the presence of that great cloud of witnesses
who have worshiped you in song and service for centuries.**

**Our praise joins theirs as we fix our eyes on Jesus
and wait for your Spirit to guide us.**

**We praise you for your great love and mercy,
revealed in Christ, at work in us through the Spirit.**

**Holy One, we offer you all glory and honor in our worship,
seeking to renew our faith and commitment
to serve you in the world that belongs to you. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: #47 all

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Attentive God,

**you care for us like a gardener tending a beautiful vineyard,
blessing us with what we need to be fruitful.**

Yet we confess we fail to live up to your hopes for us.

Instead of love and kindness, we produce anger and resentment.

Instead of generosity, we produce greed and jealousy.

Forgive us, O God.

**In your mercy, renew in us the fruit of the Spirit
through the grace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(SILENCE)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Although we have not always been faithful to God, **God remains faithful to us.** In Jesus Christ, **God offers us forgiveness.** Through the gift of the Spirit, **God renews us to live faithfully in Jesus’ name. 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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and
thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

**Stir up your might,
and come to save us!**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

**You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;

**it sent out its branches to the sea,
and its shoots to the River.**

Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

**The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.**

Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;

**have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted.**

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

**But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Luke 12:49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

SERMON

*HYMN #546 all

“Revive us Again”

CALL TO THE OFFERING - (*Offerings and Jingle Change are collected before and after worship. The basket is located near the double doors to the sanctuary.*)

*OFFERTORY 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

Faithful God, bless the gifts we offer to you today. Use them to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the world, so that your goodness will grow among your people, and your name be honored for Christ's sake. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER... LORD'S PRAYER (congregation may be seated)
Each petition ends with, “Faithful God, hear our prayer,” -- People respond, **And renew our faithfulness.**

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.

*CLOSING HYMN #580 vs 1 & 3

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This morning's worship elements from <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

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AUGUST JINGLE CHANGE supports Bethlehem's “adopt a facility” project

Those in our thoughts and prayers:



Joys:

The marriage of Steven and Jackie Volland on July 30.

Families who have lost loved ones:

DuWayne Ninmer
Jane Markelz
Everett Henning

Those struggling with health issues:

McKenna Rugowski	Finn (a young boy with cancer)
Doreen Schmidt	Helen Henning
Tom Lefebber	Steve Rumpff
Glen Schad	Jessica Horneck
Signe Burkhart	Dana P (friend of Melissa K)
Kenzie Koppenhaver	Darlene Horneck
Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)	Warren Fidlin

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Other Concerns:

People of the Ukraine and others affected by war and violence.
People affected by recent gun violence in our nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The blue and yellow candle on the altar is lit in unity with the people of the Ukraine.
- Field of Dreams is accepting visitors again! Merlin and Doris Mae would love to see you!

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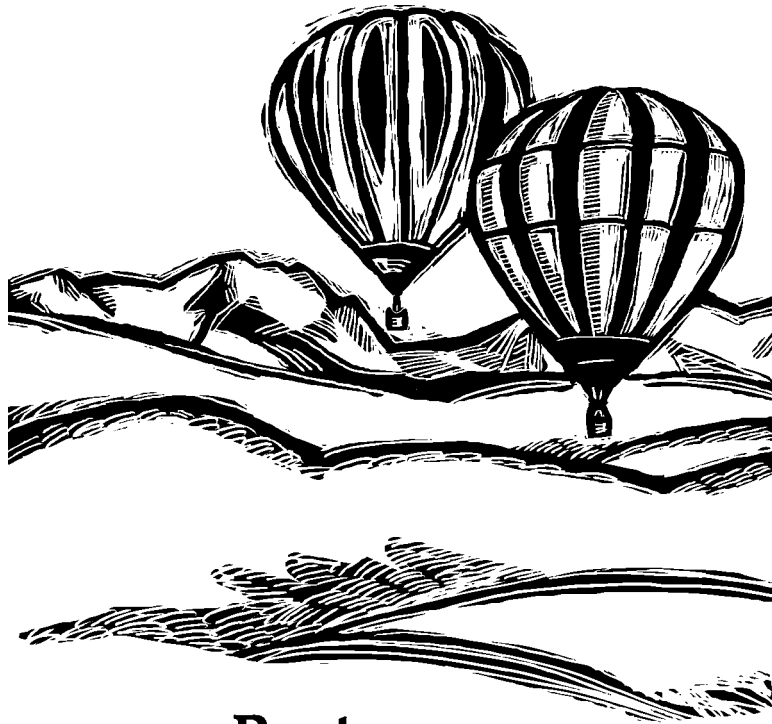
August Rummage Sale

The Annual Bethlehem Church Rummage Sale is on!

Location: The sale will be held in the Garage at Bethlehem Church.

Your Help is Needed - Volunteer Opportunities:

- Fri., August 19: 8:00am to 5:00 pm Sales Staff
- Sat., August 20: 8:00am to noon Sales Staff
- Sat., August 20: 12:00 to 1:00pm Clean Up Crew



Restore us,
O God Almighty;
make your face shine
upon us, that we
may be saved.

Psalm 80:7, NIV

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 8/14: 9:30am Worship; ~Happy Birthday Lori Rogers!

Monday 8/15:

Tuesday 8/16:

Wednesday 8/17: **Spirit Articles Due!** ~Happy Birthday Cooper Tesch!

Thursday 8/18:

Friday 8/19: 8a-5p Rummage Sale open; ~Happy Birthday Ian Schmidt!

Saturday 8/20: 8a-12p Rummage Sale open, followed by clean up; ~Happy Birthday Rachel Muehlbauer and Tess Rabe! Happy Anniversary David & Julie Meyer!

Sunday 8/21: 9:30am Worship;

August Pantry Items: Jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly