



JOHN 6:27, NIV

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Sunday, August 1, 2021

Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Kathy Bowe

Bethlehem Safe Indoor Worship Guidelines

- Masks = You decide what's best for you, your loved ones and those around you.
- Remain 6 feet apart from members outside of your family
- The congregation will refrain from singing (Humming is permitted)
- An offering plate will be available in a central location
- Please wait for an usher to dismiss you after the service.
- For those who wish to congregate, you are asked to do so outside
- Please stay home if you or a member of your family is not feeling well.
- Scrip will be available for purchase on the first and third Sundays. 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: Bless the Lord with heart and soul, for our God is great.

All: We will bless God in this time of worship!

One: God sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the ground.

All: God, renew us in this time of worship!

One: God feeds all creatures in due season.

All: God, feed us in this time of worship!

One: Let us sing to God as long as we live;

All: We will sing praise to our God while we have being. So we come to worship.

*OPENING PRAYER

**God of majesty and mystery, we gather before you in humble wonder.
Source of all that is, your breadth and depth are beyond our imagining.
Word of hope and healing, your grace defies our explanations. Spirit of purpose
and possibility, you touch us when we least expect it. Receive our praise and
prayer this day, and prepare us to receive the Bread of Life in this hour of
worship. For we come to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, as your Holy
Spirit prays within us, to stir us to new life. Amen.**

SONG #552 “We Gather Together” (no singing, please)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mystery and mercy,
you know the details of our lives.
You see the sin and the sorrow we bear;
you see the problems and the possibilities we face.
You see how we take advantage of each other,
how we overlook one another.
O God, we confess we do not always see what you see—
in our own lives and in the lives that touch ours.
Open our eyes to the truth of our times
and cleanse our hearts with your grace. Amen.**
(silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Jesus, we have been given an example of one who was truly nourished
and sustained by God.
**In Christ, we are forgiven, made whole, and restored to the one body. Thanks be
to God! Amen!**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Other readings for this Sunday:

Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15

Psalms 78:23–29

Ephesians 4:1–16

SERMON “What Bread Will You Eat?”

SONG #525 “One Bread, One Body” (no singing, please)

COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us pray.

**We give thanks, loving God,
that you have refreshed us at your table.
Strengthen our faith;
increase our love for one another.**

**As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread,
may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and
hope. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE LORD'S PRAYER

Each petition ends with: *One: God, in your mercy, All: Hear our 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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (*Please wait to be dismissed by the ushers. Thank you.*)
DON'T FORGET TO GRAB A NOTE OFF THE GIVING TREE AS YOU LEAVE!

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Those struggling with health issues:

Casey Litz (Cousin of Bonnie Zorn)

Everett Henning

Warren Fidlin

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Mike Mathes

Tom Brickbauer

Macullen Schnell

Jane Markelz

Dale Horneck

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

Those unable to worship with us: Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer

Other concerns:

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 where violence and injustice prevails.

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**AUGUST'S JINGLE CHANGE OFFERING
SUPPORTS BETHLEHEM'S PLEDGE TO
OCWM (OUR CHURCH'S WIDER
MISSION)**

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

August 8 – Tournament

Noon @ St. James

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

The Annual Bethlehem Church Rummage Sale will be held in the church garage on August 12-14 and August 20-21. Help is needed with set-up, clean-up, and of course, sales.

Please see the signup sheets in the fellowship hall or email to kayerad@hotmail.com or call (920) 894-7229 if you can spare even an hour to help.

If you have items to donate, these can be dropped off in the new garage, next to the church starting Sunday, August 10. If you would like us to pick up your items, do not hesitate to contact members of the Merry Christians. We will be happy to make arrangements. Please no TVs or other electronics.

Save the date:

Sept 12: First day of Sunday School

Sept 19: Mission Sunday

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, Sept. 19 – “Faith in the Fall” music festival – Our Shepherd UCC, Howards Grove – 10am-2pm – see flyer

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 8/1: 9:30a Worship; *Happy Anniversary DuWayne & Marcia Nimmer!*

Monday 8/2:

Tuesday 8/3: *Happy Birthday Logan Tesch and Jaden Witkowski!*

Wednesday 8/4: *Happy Birthday Lillie Brockway and Renee Freund!*

Thursday 8/5: *Happy Birthday Donna Truttman-Retlich!*

Friday 8/6:

Saturday 8/7: *Happy Birthday Tony Bowe!*

Sunday 8/8: 9:30a Worship; *Happy Birthday David Meyer!*

Pantry item: Jar of peanut butter or jelly