

**CAST ALL YOUR
ANXIETY
ON HIM,
BECAUSE HE
CARES FOR YOU.**

1 PETER 5:7

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Sunday, August 29, 2021

Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Polly Jeanty

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**

God of all creation, our chief end
is to glorify you, and enjoy you forever.

Our deep delight is in your presence,
**our fondest thoughts are of you,
our strongest longing is for your house.**

In this hour of worship,
**help us to become who we are meant to be--
a community that breathes thankfulness,
voicing your praise in all we do. Amen.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, I pray that You would unlock my heart that I might be fully alive to my true identity in You. Give me clear revelation to see myself the way You see me. Help me to stand in Your truth against all enemy attacks and guard my heart with all vigilance. Help me to identify the lies, and reveal to me any places where I am chained to the past in a negative way. I repent of any lies of the past. Teach me to hear Your voice and not believe the enemy's destructive lies about who I am. I thank You for my uniqueness and that I am made in Your image. I want to understand and feel the deep things in Your heart for me. I choose to believe the truth about how You see me. I thank You that I can hope in the future and believe in the good destiny that You have for me. You have vision for my future. Help me to live a fruitful life now and overflow with Your love to others. Give me greater authority in my prayer life. I want to know You on a deeper level, and I don't want anything to hinder my relationship with You and my witness of you to the world. Thank you for understanding my imperfect prayer and answering it more than I can imagine. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

SONG #322 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (no singing, please)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:6-12

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

MESSAGE "Covid- 19 D pt 2 'How to Be a Christian in a Pandemic'"

SONG #281 "Count Your Blessings" (no singing, please)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE 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.

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:

Shirley Kanzelberger

Those struggling with health issues:

Hattie Lucille

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Mary Vogel

Mike Mathes

Marilyn Hanke

Tom Brickbauer

Robert Cwiertniak (Mathes' son-in-law)

Macullen Schnell

Casey Litz (Cousin of Bonnie Zorn)

Dale Horneck

Everett Henning

Olivia Marie

Warren Fidlin

Jessica Horneck

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

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

Other concerns:

People of Afghanistan

People of Haiti

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)

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.

Save the date:

Sept 12: First day of Sunday School

Sept 15: First day of Confirmation Class (6pm)

Sept 19: Mission Sunday

Oct. 10: Crop Walk

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 8/29: 9:30a Worship; *Happy Anniversary Rich & Lori Schmitt!*

Monday 8/30: *Happy Birthday Cameron Freund and Lee Watson!*

Tuesday 8/31:

Wednesday 9/1:

Thursday 9/2: *Happy Birthday Tony Tesch!*

Friday 9/3: *Happy Birthday Brian Witkowski and Wyatt Snyder!*

Saturday 9/4:

Sunday 9/5: 9:30a Worship w/ Communion; *Happy Birthday Brian Loose!*

Pantry item: Toilet paper or Paper Toweling