



# Outdoor Worship



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**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

**Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver**

**Keyboard: Kathy Bowe**

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT "This is the Day"

*This is the day, this is the day.  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Kathy Bowe

### OPENING PRAYER

SONG "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
no turning back, no turning back.*

*V2: Though none go with me, I still  
will follow*

*V3: The world behind me, the Cross  
before me*

LITANY OF CONFESSION by Fran Pratt

*Time of reflection... on the post-it note, write down items you want to "let go."  
(Sins, things you're sorry for, worries, preoccupations, etc.)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE "Amazing Grace" (as we sing, you are invited forward to throw your list of "sins" in the fire.

1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart  
to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and  
snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus  
far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to  
me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

**Romans 9:1-5**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

## REFLECTION

"You will Be Found"

"You Say"

Natalie Grant and Cory Asbury

Lauren Daigle

## SONG

"They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love"

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

*Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.*

*We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.*

SERVICE OF COMMUNION (enfleshed.com)

All bread is gluten free. Only grape juice will be served today.

The Holy One be with you

**and also with you**

open your hearts to the one who is love

**we open our hearts to you, O God**

let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together

**to the one who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and praise**

God, your invitation to come and feast in your presence...

... Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens singing praise to you.

**Holy, Holy, Holy One**

**God of justice and love**

**heaven and earth are full of your wonder**

**Hosanna, among us**

HYMN

“Let us Break Bread Together”

Kathy Bowe

1 Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

Blessed are you and blessed is your eternal table...

... in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ was born among us.**

**Christ died among us.**

**Christ rises again among us.**

Pour out your spirit on these gifts...

... we join together in echoing the prayer of Jesus:

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION: Hold each element until all have been served. We will partake together.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**God, by the bread of heaven and cup of life, you make us one body. Bind us together by your Spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. May it be so.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND GRATITUDES, PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Petitions end with "Merciful God, **Keep your planet and peoples in peace.**"

RESPONSE "Father, I Adore You"

*Father, I adore You*

*V2: Jesus, I adore You*

*Lay my life before You*

*V3: Spirit, I adore You*

*How I love You*

CALL TO THE OFFERING (Jingle Change for the month of August supports the Families in Need Fund)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (acapella)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Blessed are you, God of all creation, for all your good gifts. Use the gifts we offer to spread your goodness in Jesus' name. Let your Spirit work through us so that your goodness will move through us into the world wherever we go. Amen.**

\*CLOSING SONG "Kum Ba Yah"

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!*

*V2: Someone's crying, Lord*

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!*

*V3: Someone's singing, Lord*

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!*

*V4: Someone's praying, Lord*

*O Lord, kum ba yah!*

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

"You're Blessed" by: Eugene S. Peterson

POSTLUDE

Kathy Bowe

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bethlehem Ladies Annual Guest Night** will be Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Guest Speaker will be from Harbor House. *Harbor House* Domestic Abuse Programs provides safe shelter and support services to survivors of domestic abuse in Northeast *Wisconsin*. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a light lunch and speaker to follow. Please invite your friends and family to attend.

For the next couple weeks, the Bethlehem Ladies will be collecting items needed for the Harbor House Abuse Shelter. These items can be brought to church and placed in the basket at the entrance until Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a list of their current needs printed and placed by the basket at the front entrance for you to take. Thank you for your generosity!!

**The WISE Committee** has been studying the topic of mental health since February. Now it's time to get the congregation involved! The first activity is going to be a **book study of Blessed are the Crazy by Rev. Sarah Lund**. (The WISE team studied this book in the spring.) The book study will be led by Traci Rabe and will begin on Sept. 10 before church. At that time the group will decide the schedule going forward. Please sign up in the fellowship hall. The book will be provided for you.

**August Rummage Sale** -The Annual Bethlehem Church Rummage Sale is on.

**Your Help is Needed - Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Thursday, August 10: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm pricing and set up
- Thursday, August 10: 3:00pm to 7 pm Sales Staff
- Friday, August 11: 8:00am to 5:00 pm Sales Staff
- Saturday, August 12, 8:00am to noon Sales Staff

- Friday, August 18: 8:00am to 5:00 pm Sales Staff
- Saturday, August 19: 8:00am to noon Sales Staff
- Saturday, August 19: 12:00 to 1:00pm Clean Up Crew

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

### **Donations Accepted:**

If you have items to donate, these can be dropped off in the new garage, next to the church starting Sunday, August 6. 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.

### **Summer Concert Concessions – Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Bethlehem UCC will be providing concessions for the Kiel Concert in the Park. The menu includes hotdogs, chips, and a drink.
- Members are being asked to donate baked goods that can also be sold during the concert. Please sign-up on the sheet provided in the Fellowship Hall.
- We are also in need of 5-6 people willing to work the concessions from 5 – 8/8:30pm. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact any consistory member.

### **HHT A-Cappella**

- Special music will be provided during our church service on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Our very own Ross Westphalen is a member of this local barbershop group.

### **Mission Fest – Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** *Lunch will be provided for everyone participating.*

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Mission Fest. This year's outreach activities will include:

1. Assembling Period Packs
2. Making sandwiches for Mission House
3. Highway clean-up
4. Playing BINGO at an assisted living facility

### **2023 Bethlehem UCC Leadership Team**

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**Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

**Joys:**

**Families who have lost loved ones:**

Gaiden Schultz (Garrett's sister)

**Those struggling with health issues:**

Heidi Konen	Marie Rietbrock
Bob Radder	Daisy Sippel
Darlean Rumpff	Darlene Horneck
Doreen Schmidt	Helen Henning
Tom Lefeber	Hattie Lucille
Jessica Horneck	Sandra Tesch
Dawson Horneck	Gary Steinhardt
Crystal (Friend of Randy/Melissa)	Brenda Voland
Molly	

**Those unable to worship with us:**

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

**Community Announcements**

Promedica Hospice is looking for volunteers. See informational sheet on the Bulletin Board.

**Timber Rattlers: Faith & Family Night!** Friday, August 11 @ 6:40pm – Neuroscience Group Field @ Fox Cities Stadium. Flyer on Bulletin Board with QR code for discounted tickets

**POLKA and Potluck!** - Saturday, Aug. 26 – 2pm. Sponsored by St. Marks/St. James – see flyer and signup sheet in fellowship hall.

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today Sunday 8/6:** 9:30am Outdoor Worship w/ Communion – picnic and games to follow

**Monday 8/7:** ~ Happy Birthday Tony Bowe!

**Tuesday 8/8:** 6:30pm Consistory; ~ Happy Birthday David Meyer!

**Wednesday 8/9:** 5-8:30pm BUCC serving food at Kiel City Concert; ~ Happy Birthday David Radder!

**Thursday 8/10:** 3p-7p Rummage Sale;

**Friday 8/11:** 8a-5p Rummage Sale;

**Saturday 8/12:** 8a-12p Rummage Sale; ~Happy Birthday Maxwell Voland!

**Sunday 8/13:** 9:30am Worship ~Happy Birthday Polly Jeanty and Linda Rabe!

**August Pantry Items:  
Jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly**