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Sunday, August 7, 2022

Worship led by: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Polly Jeanty

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***= Please rise in body or spirit**

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving Father, thank You for the many people of faith in Scripture who bear witness that Your Word is trustworthy and true. In the trials and difficulties of my life, help me to keep trusting You like this great cloud of witnesses. Help me to discard every encumbrance that may hinder my Christian progress and witness and give me perseverance as I press toward the final goal. May I patiently endure all the obstacles in life in the power of the Holy Spirit and help me to be a living witness to Your Word of truth. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

Source: Verse of the day for Hebrews 12:1

***OPENING HYMN: #38 all**

"Oh, Worship the King"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Hebrews 11:39-12:3

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

SERMON

The Real "Cloud"

*HYMN #384 all

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Through the waters of baptism, we are born into Christ's family. That family is nourished and sustained at this table. Though we are baptized but once, in the Lord's Supper we reaffirm our commitment to Christ, and God renews us with grace. If the Words of Institution are used at the invitation to the table, they are not repeated during the eucharistic prayer or at the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

According to Luke,

when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,

he took bread, blessed and broke it,

and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened

and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him

to share the feast which he has prepared.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God,
we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience,
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you forever. Amen**

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**

**Lord, how can we remember all your creation in this offering?
You have given us time and the seasons.
You have given us families and friends.
You have given us our family of the Church.
Accept our offering of love.
You give us the wonder and marvel of summer,
with the warmth and fun of faith.
You give us the color and change of autumn,
and cause us to see the need for change.
You give us the chill and rain of winter,
with time for us to sit and think.
You give us the new life and growth of springtime,
with the reminder of new life in Christ.
Creator God, Lord of the Universe,
accept our gifts and our lives that the world
and all people may praise your name.
Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER... LORD’S PRAYER (congregation may be seated)

We come to God each week with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.
This morning I will lead you in a guided silent prayer.
Even though each of us prays in our own hearts,
our prayers are not solitary

when we join together as the people of God,
praying as one in many voices.

**God,
creation is so much with us,
sights, sounds, tastes, fragrances;
we pause to give thanks for something
in nature that gave us joy this week. [PAUSE]**

You have brought people into our lives,
we pause to give thanks
for an experience of joy or peace with others
we had this week. [PAUSE]

**We ask forgiveness for a time this week
where we have disturbed or destroyed
the peace of another person.
We pray for someone
who is on our hearts,
who we know is in need of joy. [PAUSE]**

We pray for a place
in the world that is on our hearts
that needs your peace. [PAUSE]

**God of grace,
thank you for hearing our prayers
and answering them. Amen**

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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 #263 all

“This is My Father’s World

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

2022 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

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AUGUST JINGLE CHANGE supports Bethlehem's "adopt a facility" project

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

*Elizabeth Lynn Deignan was baptized into God's family on July 10. Her parents are Steve and Jennifer Deignan.

Families who have lost loved ones:

DuWayne Ninmer

Jane Markelz

Everett Henning

Those struggling with health issues:

McKenna Rugowski

Nikki (Friend of Bonnie Z)

Tom Lefeber

Glen Schad

Signe Burkhart

Kenzie Koppenhaver

Hattie Lucille

Warren Fidlin

Olivia Marie

Finn (a young boy with cancer)

Doreen Schmidt

Steve Rumpff

Jessica Horneck

Janice Schad

Darlene Horneck

Karl(nephew of Will and Lora)

Helen Henning

Dana P (friend of Melissa K)



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!
- **Bethlehem Youth Fellowship Summer Volleyball:**
Tournament date – Aug 7th, 2022 at Immanuel at NOON
Coaches/captains meeting @ 11:45 a.m.

Bethlehem's Spiritual Leadership:

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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:

- Wed., August 10: 4:30 to dark– Rummage Sale set up at The Church Garage
- Thurs., August 11: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm pricing and set up
- Thurs., August 11: 3:00pm to 7 pm Sales Staff
- Fri., August 12: 8:00am to 5:00 pm Sales Staff
- Sat., August 13, 8:00am to noon Sales Staff
- 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

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.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 8/7: 9:30am Worship w/ Communion; Noon – Youth VB tournament @ Immanuel; ~Happy Birthday Tony Bowe

Monday 8/8: ~Happy Birthday David Meyer!

Tuesday 8/9: 6:30pm Consistory; Happy Birthday David Radder!

Wednesday 8/10: 4:30pm Rummage Sale Set up; ~Happy Anniversary Ryan & Molly Rabe!

Thursday 8/11: 9a-3p Rummage Sale set up; 3p-7p Rummage Sale open

Friday 8/12: 8a-5p Rummage Sale open

Saturday 8/13: 8a-12p Rummage Sale open; ~Happy Birthday Polly Jeanty and Linda Rabe

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

August Pantry Items: Jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly