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Parking lot worship for

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Kathy Bowe

Thanks for attending our drive-in worship service. Please remember the guidelines below:

- The church will be open for restroom use only.
- The rules for social distancing remain in effect. Stay a minimum of 6 feet from each other and wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose.
- Scrip will be available for purchase before and after worship. 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

L: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

P: What have we done to deserve God's love.

L: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

P: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

L: God's love never vanishes from us.

P: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. AMEN.

SONG #19 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:28-37

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

SERMON “*The Roller Coaster Sermon*”

SONG #350 “*O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go*”

PASTORAL PRAYER...LORD’S PRAYER

Great God: our community gathers in spirit through the marvels of technology and automobile heat to be with each other.

THANK YOU LORD FOR WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO DO.

Thank you for medical professionals and staff who work so faithfully in hospitals, clinics and nursing homes... give them strength, courage and personal protective equipment.

THEY DESERVE NO LESS, O LORD.

Thank you for the diligence of scientists working on a vaccine, and the way so many have ramped up the production of essential supplies.

GRANT THEM WISDOM AND GODSPEED, O LORD.

Thank you for storekeepers and clerks, farmers and truck drivers, police officers, firefighters and all who show up to work every day in essential services.

GIVE THEM CONTINUED DILIGENCE, O LORD.

Thank you for those who care for children in close quarters, and all the creativity and patience they are showing.

GRANT THEM CONTINUED PATIENCE, O LORD.

There is so much to be thankful for, we pause here to lift up our own silent prayers of thanks....

We come to you with many needs today. Hear our prayer for those who are sick with this virus as well as those who are in any medical need, especially...

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Hear our prayer for those who are grieving, who bury their loved ones without the comfort of funerals, or the physical presence of family and friends.

COMFORT THEM O LORD.

Hear our prayer for the unemployed
and business owners in this time of financial insecurity...
help them survive this economic downturn.

LET US ALL HELP, O LORD.

Hear our prayer for children whose routines are disrupted
and who long to play sports and visit playgrounds...
show them how to have fun inside.

WE PRAY FOR CREATIVITY, O LORD.

We pray for vulnerable people everywhere,
especially refugees, and people in war-torn countries
who have no access to medical care....
we need a miracle to spare them from this virus.

FOR THE "LEAST" AMONG US, O LORD.

Finally, hear our prayer for public health officials around the world--
give them wisdom as they make decisions to reduce fatalities.

FOR WISDOM, PRACTICALITY AND FAIRNESS, O LORD.

This week, when we are tempted
to dwell only on our own loneliness,
help us reach out to others,
being the community we long to have and
thank you for showing us how to do this, that is, how to be the church
and gather in new ways, alive, vibrant and witnessing to the risen Christ
in times like these.

Amen

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

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Those struggling with health issues:

Warren Fidlin

Macullen Schnell (friend of Tasha Rabe)

Dan Wempner

Ross Westphalen

Julia

Theo Marcus

Bonnie Neuhaus (mother of Dawn

Muehlbauer)

Karen Schlegel

Jane Markelz

Dale Horneck

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer, Carol Meiselwitz,

Other concerns:

Division in the U.S.

The people of Myanmar

Health Care workers

Those who are out of work

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Those whose businesses are struggling

People who live in places where violence prevails.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Security System**

- **Our current security system is obsolete and non-functional. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has selected a bid of \$3957.45 from Tantrum Audio. If you would like to make a designated donation to this system, please put it in a separate envelope or write "Security system" on the memo line of your check. Any funds received that extend beyond the cost of the project will be added to the building maintenance fund.**

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 2/21: 9:30a Drive-In worship

Monday 2/22: *Happy Birthday Trenton Rabe!*

Tuesday 2/23:

Wednesday 2/24: *Happy Birthday Amelia Horneck and Ken Zorn!*

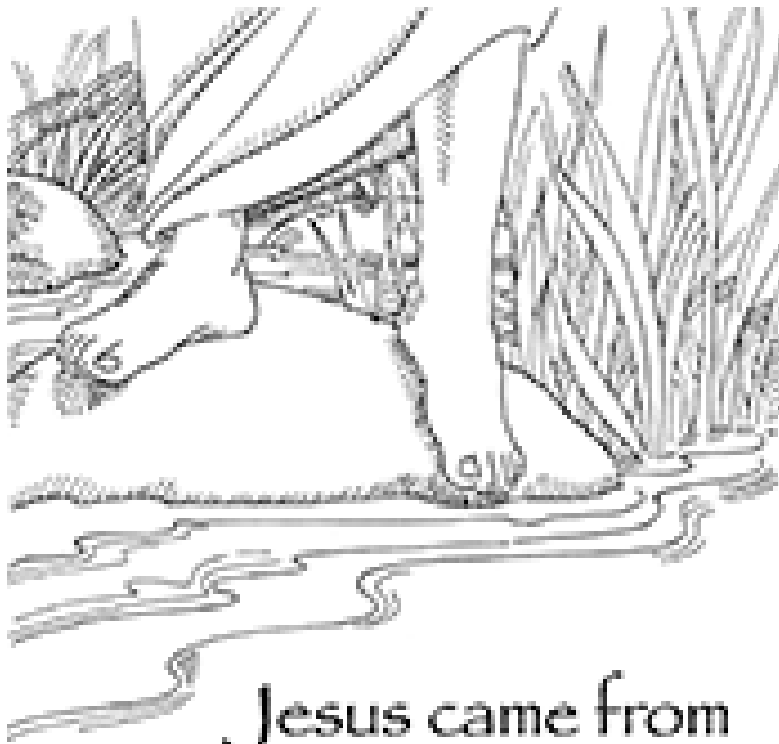
Thursday 2/25: *Happy Birthday Julia Gabrielse!*

Friday 2/26:!

Saturday 2/27: *Happy Birthday Jeff Westphalen!*

Sunday 2/28: 9:30a Drive-In worship; *Happy Birthday Karen Schlegel and Alexis Horneck!*

Pantry item: Sandwich Bags, Foil, Plastic Wrap or Garbage Bags



Jesus came from
Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized by
John in the Jordan.

Mark 1:9, NRSV