



TRANSFIGURATION — S U N D A Y —

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Worship led by: Randy Koppenhaver
Organist: Polly Jeanty

If listening from your car, please tune your car radio to 101.3 FM

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
- 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: Our God is mighty and merciful, ruling with kindness over all the earth;

All: Let all people praise God's holy name.

One: The Lord loves justice and creates equity for all God's people;

All: We come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing songs of joyful praise;

One: For the Christ of glory shines in this place;

All: The Holy Spirit meets us here, and so we come to worship.

* OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and God of glory, you reveal your presence to the world in radiant glory and gentle whispers, on mountain tops and lowly plains, in classrooms and hospital beds, in homes and churches, in the silence of nature and the sounds of cities. Yours is the presence that pushes past our fears, yours is the touch that transforms our doubts. We come before you to celebrate your goodness, to focus on your light, and offer you all praise, honor and thanksgiving, for you are our God and we are your people, now and always. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “*God of Grace, God of Glory*” #456 verses 1-2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy and forgiveness,
facing the light of your goodness,
we confess all that keeps us from sharing that goodness.
We are distracted by the desire to have more than we need.
We focus on our own disappointments
rather than trust the future you create.
We feel discouraged by the pandemic
and fail to claim the hope you hold out to us in Christ.
Transfigure us by your grace,
and shape us into disciples who follow Christ’s leading each day.**
(silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not be afraid. God’s forgiveness shines into the world.
The morning star rises in our hearts and we are made new.
Know that you are forgiven and forgive one another in Christ’s name.
Thanks be to God. Amen!

*RESPONSE “Gloria Patri”

**Glory be to the Father, And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 99

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

SERMON

HYMN

"Shine, Jesus Shine" #154 vs 1-2

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*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

Gracious God, you have given us life and blessed us in Christ with new life. Bless the gifts we offer today, and bless our lives, so that others may see his grace at work in us and what we offer the world in Jesus' name. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (congregation may be seated)
Petitions end with "God, in your mercy," Congregation responds **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 an usher. Thank you.)



February jingle change will help to supplement the Sunday School's Leprosy Project.

- **In 2020, there were over 127,500 new cases of leprosy worldwide.**
- **The average cost to cure and care for one person with leprosy is \$348**

2022 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

The Birth of Zander Robert Jeanty - 2/9/22 - Parents Ben & Cassie Jeanty-
Grandparents Bruce & Polly Jeanty



Families who have lost loved ones:

Rev. Mark Jaberg

Those struggling with health issues:

Signe Burkhart

Hailey Wirtz

Kenzie Koppenhaver

Dale and Darlene Horneck

Brenna Koppenhaver

Hattie Lucille

Elizabeth Loose

Warren Fidlin

Jane Markelz

Olivia Marie

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Everett Henning

Steve Rumpff

Helen Henning

Jessica Horneck

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Leah Henning – Deployed to Japan

UPDATE: Field of Dreams is not accepting visitors at this time. We pray for the residents and staff by sending wishes of good health and well being during this recent uptick in area Covid cases.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Bethlehem Ladies will be taking orders for Easter Flowers. The flowers available are:

Easter Lily \$9.00

Mum \$9.75

Hydrangea \$26.00

Azalea \$22.50

Reiger Begonia \$18.00

The flowers will be in church on Palm Sunday and need to be taken home on Easter Sunday which is April 17th. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Last Sunday to sign up is **February 27th**. Please pay Jeanette Wriedt by cash or checks made to Bethlehem Ladies.

PIZZA PARTY with ICE CREAM SUNDAES

Sunday, April 3rd - following worship service

Everyone is invited

See the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall

Sponsored by Merry Christians

- Can you help shovel snow? Sign up in the Fellowship Hall for the month you can help keep the church sidewalks cleared.

Leah Henning is stationed in Japan. Send cards and letters to: (standard US postage rates)
Sgt. Leah Henning
31st MEU CE S-3
Unit 35621
FPO, AP 96385-5621

Upcoming Community Events:

Saturday, March 5, 2022 – Zion Lutheran Church, New Holstein
“Believe Deeper – Be Loved Deeper” 9am – 2:30pm
For more information, please see the posting on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
Deadline to register is February 12th

Mission Opportunity!!

First United Lutheran Church in Sheboygan is hosting a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack on March 11-12, 2022.

A Feed My Starving Children facts sheet is posted in the fellowship hall. Here is the link to volunteer <https://give.fmcs.org/Sheboygan>. A packing session is a 2 hour commitment that goes by very quickly and is an enjoyable experience for a great cause.

PORK CHOP DINNER!! Thursday, March 31 – 4p-7pm – Drive Thru Smoked Pork Chop Dinner @ Saron UCC- Reservations required: call Joan (920-946-4652) or Judy (920-980-0748) Cost is \$12.00

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 2/27: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship

~Happy Birthday Jeff Westphalen

Monday 2/28: *~Happy Birthday Alexis Horneck and Karen Schlegel!*

Tuesday 3/1: *~Happy Birthday Peyton Koppenhaver and Grayson Hoban!!*

Wednesday 3/2: 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion *~Happy Anniversary Bob & Jane Markelz!*

Thursday 3/3: *~Happy Birthday Oliver Krueger!*

Friday 3/4: *~Happy Anniversary Gary & Lynette Steinhardt!!*

Saturday 3/5:

Sunday 3/6: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship w/ Communion

~Happy Birthday Mason Wempner!!

March – Box of Pasta, Noodles, Rice or Crackers