



Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Worship led by: Rev. Roy Rogers
Organist: Kathy Bowe

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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 – Faith, Hope, Love**

Our call to worship is from I Corinthians 13:13

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

God of Gods:

**We come to worship today to hear your good news,
to hear stories and explanations of faith, hope and love.**

We know that doubt, fear and hatred are everywhere
and can shake even the strongest.

**Shape us into faithful, hopeful and loving people:
fill us with your love that passes all understanding.**

We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

* OPENING PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you are a loving, gracious God. Thank you that you've offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in you. Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love. We pray that our lives would be filled and overflowing with the power of your love so we can make a difference in this world and bring honor to you. We ask for your help in reminding us that the most important things are not what we do outwardly, it's not based on any talent or gift, but the most significant thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others. Amen

*OPENING HYMN *"What Wonderful Love Is This"* #191 verses 1-2

READING OF SCRIPTURE - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,^[a] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly,^[b] but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

SERMON - *"Love Is As Love Does"*

HYMN *"They Will Know We Are Christians by our Love"* #495 verses 1-2

CALL TO THE OFFERING

The God of heaven and earth, of all of creation, holds each one of us in tender love and care. God is gracious and good, and no one is insignificant in God's eyes. So we respond to everything God is doing in the life of the world by offering a portion of what we have generously received from a loving God. In the ministry of [this] United Church of Christ, we reach out to all of God's children in tender love and care. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

*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

I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve and with boundless confidence. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (congregation may be seated)

Mercy and Love Responsive Prayer

Lord, you give us choices each and every day.

This week we have seen your path,
and turned away from it.

We have seen our brother or sister in need
and we did not turn to help.

Lord, have mercy.

We have said cruel or unkind words,
or refrained from saying helpful words
when they were needed.

Lord, have mercy.

We have been critical of those
who failed to offer us a helping hand,
while ignoring our own apathy towards others.

Lord, have mercy.

We have used our resources, gifts from you,
to help only ourselves.

Lord, have mercy.

We give you thanks that in spite of ourselves
you show your love to us in many ways
each and every day.

Lord, your love sustains us.

We give you thanks for life and breath today,
for health and food to eat,
and a beautiful world to live in.

Lord, your love sustains us.

We give you thanks for the many people in our lives
who love us, who care for us,
whose presence brings us joy.

Lord, your love sustains us.

We give you thanks for this community of faith,

faithful in every season, singing your praises,
encouraging us to give our utmost to our Saviour.

Lord, your love sustains us.

We give you thanks for sending your son Jesus Christ
through whose death we receive pardon,
through whose resurrection we have hope.

God of grace, everything we are belongs to you,
be with us this week as we go from this place.

Lord, your love sustains us and gives us peace.

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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.

BENEDICTION (inspired by 1 Peter 4:8-10)

Go now into the world,

inspired by the extravagant love of God.

Live generously, with open hands,

loving one another as if your lives depended on it.

Be good stewards of the gifts you have received,
so that God may be glorified in all that you say and do.

And may the abundant love of God surround you,
may the extravagant grace of Jesus Christ sustain you,
and may the constant presence of the Holy Spirit
inspire and encourage you in every good deed and word.

Amen.

~ Christine Longhurst

POSTLUDE (Please wait to be dismissed by an usher. Thank you.)



**January Jingle Change will be given to the
Koppenhaver family. There are also opportunities to
share your love, well wishes and prayers through the
'Prayer Chain'. Please stop in the fellowship hall or
ask a consistory member for details.**

2022 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

Elder/President - Steve Volland (920)286-0162 or svolland44@gmail.com

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Eugene (Gene) Birschbach – Sharon Rumpff's father

Skylar Rose Beattie

Macullen Schnell

Those struggling with health issues:

Kenzie Koppenhaver

Dale and Darlene Horneck

Brenna Koppenhaver

Hattie Lucille

Elizabeth Loose

Warren Fidlin

Louie Bowe

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Jane Markelz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Steve Rumpff

Olivia Marie

Everett Henning

Jessica Horneck

Helen Henning

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:

February 2, 2022 – Bethlehem Chili Supper

Plans have been made to carry on the annual Chili supper with some big changes: This will be an all-church event with proceeds divided between the organizations allowing each to decide how to use for their projects. The supper will be: Drive thru/pick up only

Your help will be needed.

Sunday, January 30, 2022 10:30am – noon Prep day: Set up work areas, cook meat etc.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 8:00am – noon cook noodles; back kitchen door will be open until 8pm for torte drop offs

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 Bring Tortes 8:00am – noon Cook Chili, serve noon lunches 3:00 – 6:30pm Serve Chili, Dishes, Clean up

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

Leah Henning has been deployed to Japan.

Send cards and letters to: (standard US postage rates)

Sgt. Leah Henning

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Upcoming Community Events:

The 21st Annual Holy Trinity Parish Perch Fry is Friday, February 18, 2022 at 11928 Marken Road in School Hill. Dine-In Serving 3:30-7pm. Carry-outs available 11am-1pm and 3:30-7pm by calling 773-2380. Grilled cheese plates, homemade tortes, raffle tickets and the HT Lounge also available. Please see more information posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

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

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 1/30: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship w/Rev. Roy;

10:30– noon Chili Supper Prep Day: Set up work areas, cook meat etc.

~Happy Birthday Jane Markelz!

Monday 1/31:

Tuesday 2/1: ***8am – Noon cook noodles; back kitchen door will be open until 8pm for torte drop offs ~Happy Birthday Rhonda Otto!***

Wednesday 2/2: ***Bring Tortes 8am – noon; Cook Chili; serve noon lunches; 3–6:30pm Serve Chili; Dishes; Clean up ~Happy Birthday Sarah Mueller and Jennifer Holz!***

Thursday 2/3:

Friday 2/4:

Saturday 2/5:

Sunday 2/6: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Communion Service w/ Rev. Roy

~Happy Birthday Brandon Hoban!

Pantry item: January - Can of Soup
February – Sandwich bags, Foil, Plastic Wrap, Garbage bags
January Jingle Change supports the Koppenhaver Family
February Jingle Change supports those suffering from Leprosy