

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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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

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,

His miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,

And to the quarry from which you were dug.

Psalm 105:1,5; Isaiah 51:1b, NRSV

* OPENING PRAYER

Thank you Lord that you are our Redeemer and will not waste our pain. Thank you that we can be assured all things, not some things but all, will work together for good, for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”* #304 verses 1 and 2

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 78:1-4; 12-16

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and know, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt; in the fields of Zoan. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light. He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock, and cased waters to flow down like rivers.

Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

SERMON “Hope Series Part 2: “Hope from Past Experience”

HYMN *“How Firm a Foundation”* #248 verses 1 and 2

CALL TO THE OFFERING

While the people of God wandered in the desert, God provided manna from heaven, water from a rock, and a law to guide their way and to shape their life together. God has fed us, too, and stayed with us every moment of our own journey so that we are never alone. We are here today to be fed, and to gather strength in numbers and in the Spirit of God, so we can reach out in ministry to the world God loves. 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

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives

we offer these gifts to you.

Through your blessing and our willingness to share,

**may these offerings become a source for hope and love
in this church family, and in the community beyond us,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(St Martins Presbyterian Church, Christchurch)

Congregational Prayer for Joys and Fears

Thank you, God, for the joy of today.

It is still morning, and yet so many good things have come our way:
the joy of shelter, the joy of clean water coming out of taps,
the joy of food on the table.

Thank you for friends who understand us,
and the joy of meeting new friends.

Thank you that we are here in church, body and spirit,
thank you for the joy of worshiping you, our Creator. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

And in the midst of joys, in all honesty
we admit that we come with fears.

Some of us have fears about new beginnings;
new schools, new relationships, new jobs.

We don't know how we'll do or how we'll feel—
we are nervous and want things to go well. Help us with these. Lord in
your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

There are fears about health:

aches and pains that won't go away,
symptoms that are unexplained,
treatments that we hope will be effective. There are many we know with
health concerns and other concerns...

Some of us have financial fears:

will we find work, or is our work secure,
how will we pay these bills,
have we saved enough for the future? Help us to cast all our anxiety on to
you. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

And then there is the fear of loneliness
that strikes us all at some points--
we fear that we won't find people to love,
or that we'll lose the people we do love.

Help us remember that your love and presence never leave us. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

God of hope, thank you that you are with us in all our fears, and that you bring joy even in the midst of them.

Thank you for your faithfulness through time, for the ways you have been there for us in the past, and that nothing can separate us from your love. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Help us this week to have compassion for those who fear:

for those who are fleeing bombs and bullets,

for those who face governments that are oppressive,

for those who cannot worship openly, but must meet in secret.

In our own community, there are people who live with the fear of violence.

Help us to be people of refuge, who offer help and support,

and who go the extra mile when we see people in need.

Forgive us for the times we have been too wrapped up

in our own fears and joys to truly see our neighbor.

Help us this week to embrace joyful living,

being mindful of the gift of each day,

remembering our Savior Jesus Christ

who taught us this all purpose 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

May the God of our ancestors give you courage and wisdom.

May the pioneer of our faith, Jesus Christ, guide your journey.

May the work of the Holy Spirit renew your hope.

Norma Duerksen (USA), 2010.

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POSTLUDE (*Please wait to be dismissed by the ushers. 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.

2021 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Birth of Raegan Michael Hoeffner- daughter of Tyler & Tia Hoeffner – Grandparents Joe and Doreen Schmidt

Families who have lost loved ones:

Macullen Schnell

Tim Nohl

Those struggling with health issues:

Kenzie Koppenhaver

Brenna Koppenhaver

Elizabeth Loose

Louie Bowe

Jane Markelz

Steve Rumpff

Everett Henning

Helen Henning

Dale and Darlene Horneck

Hattie Lucille

Warren Fidlin

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Leah Henning – Deployed to Japan



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bethlehem Merry Christians Pizza Sale deadline for orders is TODAY, January 9, 2022. Forms can be dropped off in the box provided in the fellowship hall of the church. Any questions, please call Bob Radder 920-894-7229

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. And The supper will be: Drive thru/pick up only
Your help will be needed.*

Sunday, January 30, 2022 10:30 – 12 noon Prep day: Set up work areas, cook meat etc.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 8:00 – 12:00 cook noodles

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 Bring Tortes 8:00 – 12 noon Cook Chili, serve noon lunches
3:00 – 6:30 pm Serve Chili, Dishes, Clean up

***Bethlehem UCC's Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 23rd following the 9:30am
Worship.***

Please plan to attend.

Mission Trip

It's not too late to sign up for this summer's Mission Trip with Saron and St. James UCC. Bethlehem Missions and Rural Church Fellowship can assist with the cost. The \$50 commitment fee is due on Jan. 9. The target age group is 12-18, but all are welcome. Contact Randy for details.

Our homebound members! - Unfortunately, Field of Dreams is on quarantine. We'll let you know when visits can resume.

• 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
31st MEU CE S-3
Unit 35621
FPO, AP 96385-5621

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 1/9: 8am Sunday School; 9:30a Worship *Happy Birthday Pat Hoban, Jane Umland, and Mary-Beth Molitor! **pizza orders due***

Monday 1/10: *Happy Birthday Harrison Zorn, Steve Rumpff, Rich Schmitt and Arlyn Retlich!*

Tuesday 1/11: 6:30pm Consistory

Wednesday 1/12: *Happy Birthday Kamlynn Rumpff!*

Thursday 1/13:

Friday 1/14: *Happy Birthday Shirley Henschel and Mekenzie Biwan!*

Saturday 1/15: *Happy Birthday Judy Mueller and Bill Biwan!*

Sunday 1/16: 8am Sunday School; 8:30am Bethlehem Ladies; 9:30a Worship

Pantry item: Can of Soup