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Sunday, July 11, 2021

Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Polly Jeanty

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
- The congregation will refrain from singing (Humming is permitted)
- An offering plate will be available in a central location
- An usher will seat you before the service and 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: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

All: The world and those who live in it belong to God.

One: Who is the King of glory?

All: The Lord, who is strong and mighty!

One: So lift up your heads and your hearts!

All: We will lift them up in praise!

One: Let us worship God in beauty and holiness.

All: We will offer God our steadfast love and faithfulness, now and always.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, source of life and love in all creation,
in a world marked by bitterness, you are compassion.
In a culture marked by confusion, you are light shining in the darkness.
In a time of conspiracies and suspicion, you are the truth that sets us free.
Your stillness is peace when we are frantic.
Your strength is comfort when we are fearful.
Your wisdom is guidance when we are lost.
For all that you are and all that you give,
God, our Maker,
Christ, our Savior,
and Spirit who leads us into life,
we offer you all honor, praise and worship, now and always. Amen.**

SONG #456 “God of Grace and God of Glory” (no singing, please)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God,
in a world marked by self-indulgence, you are generosity for those in need.
In a world marked by injustice, you are a conscience speaking to us.
In a world marked by vengeance, you are mercy and reconciliation.
Forgive our selfishness;
our lack of concern for the vulnerable;
and our desire to settle scores rather than work things out.
Renew us with your mercy
and strengthen our resolve to live generously, in action and in attitude. Amen.
(silent reflection)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ—and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God’s generous grace. Amen.**

***RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri” (no singing, please)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 85: 8-13

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the

Baptist on a platter.’ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

MESSAGE

SONG #448 “How Shall I Serve You, Lord?” (no singing, please)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE LORD’S 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.

BLESSING AND COMMISSION

L: Remember each day that you are chosen by God. Be open to the spiritual blessings at all times.

P: We are cleansed and free, purified and made whole. Great is our God and greatly to be praised.

L: Dwell in the mystery of God’s will for you. Dare to reach out in love to those who share your world.

P: We will seek God’s counsel daily. We will open our hearts to others’ pain.

L: The Holy Spirit goes with you to empower you. The love of Christ sustains you in all circumstances.

P: We have been blessed and filled in this place. We will share with others the joys we have known.

All: Amen

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

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Those struggling with health issues:

Casey Litz (Cousin of Bonnie Zorn)

Everett Henning

Warren Fidlin

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Mike Mathes

Tom Brickbauer

Macullen Schnell

Jane Markelz

Dale Horneck

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

Those unable to worship with us: Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer

Other concerns:

Those affected by the building collapse in FL.

Division in the U.S.

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Health Care workers

Those whose businesses are struggling

Those who are out of work

People who live where violence and injustice prevails.

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JULY'S JINGLE CHANGE OFFERING SUPPORTS THE BETHELEHEM LADIES AND THEIR SERVICE PROJECTS TO OTHERS.

BETHLEHEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plan a visit to our homebound members!

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUPPER – Carryout’s Only!
Ebenezer UCC, Chilton July 14th 4-6:30pm – Brats, hamburgers, German potato salad, coleslaw, beans, homemade pies and ice cream – Preorders for curbside pickup call Joan Woelfel at 920-418-5457 or Ruth Aebisher at 920-849-9427 Funds raised goes towards Our Church’s Wider Mission.
- **OUR LADY OF THE HOLYLAND – ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (JOHNSBURG) – CHICKEN & TIPS TAKE-OUT DINNER:** Sunday, July 18TH served from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Blanck’s chicken and dressing and Jim and Linda’s beef tips, potatoes, & corn. \$10 per plate. TAKE-OUT ONLY, no dining in. Pre-orders preferred - call to place your preorder by July 1st [Kelly 920-539-6886, or Sharon 920-795-4728]. Only 500 meals will be sold! Cash or check only. Raffle ticket drawing @ 1:30PM. Hope to see you there! N9288 County Road W, Malone (Johnsburg).

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

All games begin at 6:30pm

July 11- Saron @ BUCC

July 18 – BUCC @ St. Marks/St. James

July 25 – Immanuel/Bethel @ BUCC

August 1 – Tournament (Tentative)

Noon @ St. James

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 7/11: 9:30a Worship; *Happy Birthday Brad Hoban!*

Monday 7/12:

Tuesday 7/13: 6:30pm Consistory; *Happy Anniversary Dario & Pam Talerico!*

Wednesday 7/14:

Thursday 7/15: *Happy Birthday Ty Ninmer and Dan Wempner! Happy Anniversary Chad & Sara Jeanty!*

Friday 7/16:

Saturday 7/17: *Happy Birthday Rogie Ventura!*

Sunday 7/18: 9:30a Worship; *Happy Birthday Helen Henning and Elizabeth Loose! Happy Anniversary Davin & Jessica Horneck!*

Pantry item: School Supplies