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Sunday, July 18, 2021

Worship Leader: Steven Voland

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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: In moments of anxiety, God leads us to still waters.

All: O God, we come to you.

One: In moments of confusion, God leads us in right paths.

All: O God, we come to hear your voice.

One: In moments of loneliness, God is with us.

All: O God, we come into your presence, seeking your love.

One: In all our moments, God is with us.

All: So we come to praise the One who restores our lives.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Caring and Gracious God, you are the shepherd who gathers us together today to celebrate with grateful thanksgiving the community in which we live. We are nourished by its diversity, brought about by the unique gifts each person contributes. Be with us in this time of worship and encourage us to never cease welcoming the strangers we meet and accepting the gifts they bring. Grant that they will enrich our lives and will be a reminder of the joy that comes when all will be one in you. Amen.

SONG #550 “All Are Welcome” (no singing, please)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11–22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

MESSAGE

SONG #289

“Help us Accept Each Other”

(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.

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSION

L: Jesus taught us that when we welcome the stranger, we create a new community where all are one in God. Let us continue the work that Jesus started by welcoming the strangers who cross our paths knowing that God is with us and protects us as we pursue our ministries of healing and hope. Proclaim God’s glory through your work. Go in peace. **All: Thanks be to God! 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.**

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.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

All games begin at 6:30pm

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

Monday 7/19:

Tuesday 7/20: *Happy Anniversary Eric & Dawn Muehlbauer!*

Wednesday 7/21:

Thursday 7/22: *Happy Birthday Lynette Steinhardt!*

Friday 7/23:

Saturday 7/24: *Happy Birthday Tom Rabe! Happy Anniversary Scott & Jane Umland!*

Sunday 7/25: 9:30a Worship; *Happy Birthday Bill Schlegel and Gerald Schnell!*

Pantry item: School Supplies