



**BETHLEHEM UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Sunday, July 31, 2022

Worship led by: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's faithful love endures forever.

Has the Lord redeemed you? Then say so!

God has redeemed us from trouble and leads us on paths of justice and righteousness.

Praise the Lord for God's steadfast love is great!

Let us praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of justice and joy, As we gather for worship this day, we join your whole creation to offer you praise. We sense your glory in the grandeur of open skies and the expanding horizon. We sense your power of new life in growing gardens and growing children. We trust your gift of new life in Christ, rising in us with courage and compassion. Your Spirit blows through us like a fresh breeze in the breath of prayer. Fill us with a sense of your holiness in this hour, O God, to renew us in our love for you and our care for your creation. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #353 VS. 1-2

“Be Thou my Vision”

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice and generosity,
we trust that all life flows from your hand,
yet we confess we often worry about how much life costs us.
We like to have much more than enough set and
we hesitate to share.
Forgive us when our hearts long for the security of this world,
not the security of your love.
(silent reflection)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Remember the words of St Paul: “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.
Alleluia! 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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

SERMON

*HYMN #414 (twice)

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

CALL TO THE OFFERING - (*Offerings and Jingle Change are collected before and after worship. The basket is located near the double doors to the sanctuary.*)

*OFFERTORY 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

Abundant God, we bring you our gifts in gratitude for your generosity. Bless and multiply these gifts in Jesus' name, so that they can spread your goodness in the world and touch lives of those in need, for Christ's sake. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER... LORD'S PRAYER (congregation may be seated)
Each petition will end with, “Let us pray to the Lord.” The congregation will respond by singing #403 “Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”

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

2022 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

Elder/President - Steven Voland (920)286-0162 or svoland44@gmail.com

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AUGUST JINGLE CHANGE supports Bethlehem's "adopt a facility" project

Those in our thoughts and prayers:



Joys:

*Elizabeth Lynn Deignan was baptized into God's family on July 10. Her parents are Steve and Jennifer Deignan.

Families who have lost loved ones:

Jane Markelz
Everett Henning

Those struggling with health issues:

McKenna Rugowski	Steve Kornely
Nikki (Friend of Bonnie Z)	Steve Rumpff
Tom Lefeber	Jessica Horneck
Glen Schad	Janice Schad
Signe Burkhart	Darlene Horneck
Kenzie Koppenhaver	Karl(nephew of Will and Lora)
Hattie Lucille	Helen Henning
Warren Fidlin	Dana P (friend of Melissa K)
Olivia Marie	
Finn (a young boy with cancer)	

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Other Concerns:

People of the Ukraine and others affected by war and violence.

People affected by recent gun violence in our nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The blue and yellow candle on the altar is lit in unity with the people of the Ukraine.
- Field of Dreams is accepting visitors again! Merlin and Doris Mae would love to see you!
- **Bethlehem Youth Fellowship Summer Volleyball:**
July 24, 2022 – 6:30pm Immanuel/Bethel @ Bethlehem
Tournament date – Aug 7th, 2022 at Immanuel at NOON
Coaches/captains meeting @ 11:45 a.m.

Bethlehem's Spiritual Leadership:

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August Rummage Sale

The Annual Bethlehem Church Rummage Sale is on!

Location: The sale will be held in the Garage at Bethlehem Church.

Your Help is Needed - Volunteer Opportunities:

- Wed., August 10: 4:30 to dark– Rummage Sale set up at The Church Garage
- Thurs., August 11: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm pricing and set up
- Thurs., August 11: 3:00pm to 7 pm Sales Staff
- Fri., August 12: 8:00am to 5:00 pm Sales Staff
- Sat., August 13, 8:00am to noon Sales Staff
- Fri., August 19: 8:00am to 5:00 pm Sales Staff
- Sat., August 20: 8:00am to noon Sales Staff
- Sat., August 20: 12:00 to 1:00pm Clean Up Crew

Please see the signup sheets in the fellowship hall or email to kayerad@hotmail.com or call (920) 894-7229 if you can spare even an hour to help.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 7/31: 9:30am Worship;

Monday 8/1: ~Happy Anniversary DuWayne and Marcy Ninmer!

Tuesday 8/2:

Wednesday 8/3: ~Happy Birthday Logan Tesch and Jaden Witkowski!

Thursday 8/4: ~Happy Birthday Lillie Brockway!

Friday 8/5: ~Happy Birthday Donna Truttman-Retlich!

Saturday 8/6:

Sunday 8/7: 9:30am Worship w/ Communion; Noon – Youth VB tournament @ Immanuel;

~Happy Birthday Tony Bowe!

August Pantry Items: Jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly