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Sunday, June 11, 2023

Worship Leader: BUCC Consistory

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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**= Please rise in body or spirit*

This morning's service is a Hymn-Sing. Members of the congregation will be asked to suggest their favorite hymns and we will sing the first two verses. Please browse through your hymnal as you prepare for worship and select your favorite hymns.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #556 "Surely the Presence..."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Presbyterian Church of Canada)

Rejoice in the Lord, you people of God!

We will sing songs old and new to praise our God.

God loves righteousness and justice;

We will do our best to serve God faithfully.

The earth is full of God's steadfast love.

We come to worship with glad hearts, to offer our love and loyalty

*OPENING PRAYER (from the Presbyterian Church of Canada)

You, O God, are overflowing with love, infinite in kindness, incomparable in glory. You are the source of all good things. In you, all things work together for good. Your presence breaks into our lives in many ways and you touch us with wonder. In this time of worship, we offer you thanks with our prayers, praise with our hearts, and honor with our lives, this day and every day, now and always. Amen.

HYMNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: You ask that we lay down strong foundations for our life in Christ, O God;

All: you show us your Word, with all its wisdom of the ages.

One: You ask that we lay down strong foundations, O God;

All: you remind us of your saints, and challenge us to examine their values.

One: You ask that we lay down strong foundations, O God;

**All: you call us to remember the faith community that nurtures us,
and rejoice in its service.**

One: You ask that we lay down strong foundations, O God;

All: you direct us to the Crucified and Risen One, and recall us to discipleship.

Time of reflection...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our foundations will be rocked and shaken,
but in God's strength we will be secure!

**All: We will recall the ground on which we stand:
Holy Ground, Gospel Ground, faithfully prepared,
and we will not be afraid.**

One: We will know peace in the storms of life.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #558 "Gloria Patri"

HYMNS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 33: 1-12

¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

² **Praise the LORD with the lyre;**

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

³ Sing to him a new song;

play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**4 For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

**6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.

**8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**

9 For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

**10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

11 The counsel of the LORD stands for ever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

**12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

MESSAGE

Steven Volland

*HYMN #307

"We are Called"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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.

HYMNS

CALL TO THE OFFERING (Jingle Change for the month of June supports the **Strengthen The Church**. *"The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations."* -ucc.org. There are also envelopes for this special offering on the music stand where you picked up your bulletin.)

One: God offers us a future in Christ Jesus, sometimes through comfort and sometimes through challenge. We present our gifts to God in gratitude for God's faithfulness to us in every situation.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #438 v. 1 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: What we give, O God, provides the means of security
to the suffering and depressed;

**All: calm in the storms of life,
hope in the darkest moments,
a touch when words fail,
a word to open the flood gates of feeling,
a silence to stem the flow of words,
a wide perspective when the focus is, "me, here and now,"
a lively concern for the oppressed of every land.**

One: Bless these offerings, O God;
given with care, they will make a difference. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG “Go Now in Peace”

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith. Steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide you, in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. A-men, A-men, A-men.*

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: You will be strong!

All: In the midst of life's storms, God is the rock.

One: You will be secure!

All: When other people's troubles come home to us, God is there.

One: You will be unafraid!

All: As we are battered by trials and temptations, God stands fast.

One: You will withstand the test!

**All: Nothing, nothing in all creation, can separate us from
the love of God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MISSION PROJECT:

In many parts of the world, women and girls live in period poverty – lacking access to necessary feminine care supplies. During the menstrual cycle, these hygiene materials are especially important to healthy practices. Not having supplies like sanitary napkins, tampons, soap and disposable plastic bags can create challenges that lead to unsafe and unsanitary conditions. Now you can help women and girls around the world living in period poverty. The CWS (Church World Services) Period Pack gives women and girls the essentials they need to feel clean, be healthy and live with dignity during the menstrual cycle.

During the months of June, July, and August our Bethlehem family will be collecting menstrual hygiene supplies and will then assemble these kits as part of our Mission Fest Sunday. Supplies can be brought to church during these months. See the flyer at church for the list of needed supplies.

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Community Announcements:

OUR LADY OF THE HOLYLAND PARISH – ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH (JOHNSBURG) – SUMMER

SOCIAL: Saturday, July 15TH, 2023. Outdoor Polka Mass @ 4PM. 5PM-7PM Ralph Thull & The Goodtime Dutchmen. 8PM-11PM Brent Bel Band. Brats, hamburgers, and refreshments available in the beer stand following mass. Raffle drawing held at 9:30PM. Putting contest and 50:50 raffle during event. Hope to see you there! N9288 County Road W, Malone (Johnsburg).



Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Robert Suttner

Madison Kerber

Those struggling with health issues:

Scott Umland

Heidi Konen

Bob Radder

Daisy Sippel

Darlean Rumpff

Darlene Horneck

Doreen Schmidt

Helen Henning

Tom Lefeber

Hattie Lucille

Jessica Horneck

Sandra Tesch

Dawson Horneck

Gary Steinhardt

Crystal (Friend of Randy/Melissa) John Buchholz

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Congrats to our 2023 Graduates

Dylan Jeanty, Kiel High School - Attending Fox Valley Technical College in the fall to study Wood Manufacturing Technology

Kenzie Koppenhaver, Kiel High School - Attending Edgewood College in Madison in the fall to study music production. She will also be a member of the women's soccer team.

Trevor Muehlbauer, Kiel High School - Working at Drexel Building Supply

Laura Mueller, UW-Green Bay - Majored in Communications

Zoe Watson, Kiel High School - Attending UW Oshkosh in Oshkosh, WI in the fall to study nursing. She will also be competing on the women's cross-country and track teams.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 6/11: 9:30am Worship; *Happy Birthday Melissa Koppenhaver*; Wisc. Conference Annual Mtg. – Green Lake - **Spirit News Due**

Monday 6/12:

Tuesday 6/13: ~*Happy Birthday Julie Mueller and Kate Wilharms!*

Wednesday 6/14: ~*Happy Anniversary Will & Lora Mathes!*

Thursday 6/15: ~*Happy Birthday Kevin Voland!*

Friday 6/16: ~*Happy Birthday Zoe Watson!*

Saturday 6/18: ~*Happy Anniversary Jason & Jennifer Brockway!!*

Sunday 6/18: 9:30am Worship; ~ *Happy Birthday Mike Brockway! Happy Father's Day!*

June Pantry Items:

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant or Lotion