



**BETHLEHEM UNITED
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Sunday, June 12, 2022

Worship led by: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Polly Jeanty

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Special Music by HHT "Beautiful Savior"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ascribe to the Lord all glory and honor.

Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Come and worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

To the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, who is One in Three and Three in One, we praise you this day as the Source of all life, Maker of Heaven and Earth. You created us and called us good, shepherding us with your steadfast love. Jesus Christ, we praise you this day, born into our midst to show us the way of goodness, mercy and grace. Holy Spirit, we praise you this day for the energy you bring us to greet each day as a gift and serve in the world with gladness. Holy God, Three in One and One in Three, reveal to us this day what it means to live as your people so that we may honor your holy name, now and forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: #243 all verses**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy and majesty,
you are slow to anger and swift to forgive.
You have shown us the depth of your love,
yet we are reluctant to love others who differ from us.
You have shown us compassion and forgiveness,
yet we walk away from one another without concern.
You have offered us hope in Christ Jesus,
yet we lose that hope when life is challenging.
Forgive us, O Lord. Create in us the endurance and character
which help us trust in the power of your forgiving love. Amen.**
(Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is ready to forgive us. **God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in mercy.** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another,
through the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God. 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC by HHT

“I Believe”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
‘To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world’s first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

RESPONSIVE READING "A Prayer for Pentecost"

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life:

At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters;
you breathe into every living being, the breath of life.

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets:

You enflame men and women with a passion for your truth,
and through them call your people to the ways of justice and compassion.

Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus:

By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor
and release to those held captive.

Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:

You speak to us of our Lord,
and show us the depth of his love.

Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame:

You filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to preach your word and to share your good news.

Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace:

You break down barriers of language, race, and culture,

and heal the divisions that separate us.

Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life:

At the close of the age

all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ.

<http://www.rca.org/worship/material/lent/litanies.html>.

SPECIAL MUSIC by HHT "Hallelujah" -third verse was written by choir member Jim Weber

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*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

Generous God, thank you for all your gifts which bring us hope and joy. Bless the gifts we bring and work with them to establish your reign in the world you love. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (congregation may be seated)

Each petition ends with "God, the Three in One," the congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**"

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC by HHT "The Lord's Prayer"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Welcome HHT! (Hometown Harmony Traditions)

HHT" is a small a-cappella chorus based in Plymouth, Wisconsin. We are the Plymouth Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The Society, along with the affiliated organizations, boast over 80,000 members world-wide! We were chartered on February 18th, 1970. "HHT" is a group of all-around "good people who love to sing." We are a mixed (all inclusive) chorus under the direction of Mr. Brad Charles of Milwaukee WI. We are now rehearsing on Thursday evening at 7 pm at:

"Generations"

1500 Douglas Drive

Plymouth, WI 53073 (corner of Highland Ave & Douglas Drive)

Enter on north side of building Door 7

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JUNE JINGLE CHANGE supports Strengthen the Church

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

*Asher Francisco Rodríguez was baptized in Christ May 22nd. His parents are Juan F Rodríguez & Rebecca A Rodríguez

*The birth of Elizabeth Lynn Deignan; Born May, 2

Families who have lost loved ones:

Everett Henning

Those struggling with health issues:

Nikki (Friend of Bonnie Z)

Tom Lefeber

Glen Schad

Signe Burkhart

Kenzie Koppenhaver

Hattie Lucille

Warren Fidlin

Jane Markelz

Dana P (friend of Melissa K)

Bennett (Grandson of Schmidts)

Steve Kornely

Steve Rumpff

Jessica Horneck

Janice Schad

Darlene Horneck

Karl(nephew of Will and Lora)

Helen Henning

Olivia Marie



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:

- **Pastoral Leadership Meeting** – A Congregational meeting is set for TODAY to discuss future pastoral leadership plans as Rev. Roy will be retiring at the end of the year. These plans include supporting Pastor Randy as he transitions to full time ministry to become an ordained minister. If you cannot attend this meeting, you are welcome to join the consistory meeting on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend one of these meetings to learn about the exciting spiritual journey God is guiding us towards.
- The blue and yellow candle on the altar is lit in unity with the people of the Ukraine. These candles are available through the Door County Candle Co., owned by a Ukrainian-American family. Proceeds from their sales go directly to support citizens of Ukraine.
- Field of Dreams is NOW ACCEPTING visitors. Please arrange a visit with Merlin and Doris Mae and continue to keep them in your prayers.

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Congrats to Bethlehem's 2022 Graduates

Peyton Koppenhaver, UW-Green Bay - Attending grad school at Lewis & Clark University, Portland, OR to study addiction therapy

Dayna Schultz, Kiel High School - Attending Lakeland University in the fall

Armond Wempner, Fond du Lac High School - Attending Ripon College in fall where he will study special education, play football and run track.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 6/12: 9:30am Worship w/ special music by *Hometown Harmony Traditions*; Congregational meeting following worship

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

Tuesday 6/14: 6:30p Consistory Mtg. (Congregation invited to discuss future leadership) ~*Happy Anniversary Will & Lora Mathes!!*

Wednesday 6/15: ~*Happy Birthday Kevin Volland!*

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

Friday 6/17: ~*Happy Anniversary Jason & Jennifer Brockway!*

Saturday 6/18: ~*Happy Birthday Mike Brockway!!*

Sunday 6/19: 9:30am Worship ~*Happy Anniversary Ryan & Sarah Arnold!*

June Pantry Items: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant or Lotion