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Sunday, June 20, 2021

Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Kathy Bowe

Bethlehem Safe Indoor Worship Guidelines

- Everyone 5 years and older will wear a mask (even if you are fully vaccinated)
- 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
- 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: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: We have seen God's wondrous works all around us,

All: so we come to praise God's holy name.

One: Open wide your hearts in this time of worship!

All: We lift our hearts to God with thanks and praise.

*OPENING PRAYER

We sing praises to you, O God, for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life. We do battle with many enemies within and among us, but you give us the confidence and courage to face them. Out of the whirlwind, you answer when we call. We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our lives. Help us to discard the excess baggage and unnecessary armor that keeps us from the fullness of life you intend for us. Amen.

SONG #245

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (no singing, please)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty and Merciful God, source of hope and wholeness,
We confess that we fail you far too often.**

**You call us to serve in the footsteps of Jesus,
but we look to our own interests first.**

**You call us to love our neighbors,
but we are so good at finding fault in others and withholding our love.**

**You call us to do justice and care for the vulnerable,
but we prefer to be silent rather than take a stand for those at risk.**

Forgive us.

**Open wide our hearts to our neighbors in need,
as we put our trust in your mercy—for us and for them.**

(Silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, God’s generous love reaches out to embrace us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to begin again. Amen!

*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri” (no singing, please)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 107: 1–3, 23–32

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 went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.
For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;
they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits' end.
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;
he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Mark 4:35–41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the

stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

SERMON

SONG #389 "Be Still, my Soul" (no singing, please)

PASTORAL PRAYER... THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: God, in your mercy

All: Hear our 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

One: We are the waters in which God swims!

All: Through the currents, crashing waves, and depths of the unknown, a Holy Presence remains.

One: May God continue charting new courses and ways of being in the world that unites creation in a collective call of

All: "Peace! Be still!" Amen

POSTLUDE

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys: Returning to church!

Families who have lost loved ones:

Carol Meiselwitz

Those struggling with health issues:

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:

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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**JUNE'S JINGLE CHANGE OFFERING SUPPORTS THE UCC'S
"STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH" OFFERING:**

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

BETHLEHEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plan a visit to our homebound members! Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

2021 BUCC Graduates

Ryan Freund	Kiel High School (attending UW-Platteville)
Ryan Jeanty	Kiel High School (attending UW-Platteville)
Brenna Koppenhaver	Kiel High School (attending Edgewood College)
Mason Lewis	Kiel High School (attending UW Oshkosh)
Jacob Vogel	Kiel High School (attending N.E. Technical College)
Noah Watson	Kiel High School (attending UW Stevens Point)
Kate Wilharms	Kiel High School (plans unknown)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- St. Nazianz Area Historical Society is having an open house at the recently updated Fire House Museum located on 3rd Ave. in St. Nazianz on June 26 from 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- On July 5, an open house will be at the Fire House Museum on 3rd Ave. and the Neumeyer Log Cabin and Coffin House located next to the Village Hall on West Main Street in St. Nazianz from 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- **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).
- Tickets for the Kiel Area Youth Theater (at the new Performing Arts Center) summer show go on sale for the general public, Monday, June 14. You can buy online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/54079> or in-person during rehearsal. The PAC Box Office will be open on June 28, 29, 30, and July 5, 6, and 7 from 5:15 pm to 7:45 pm. Tickets will also be on sale one hour before showtimes. Questions? Contact us at info@kayt.org or call Emily Gilbertson, Board Chair, at 920-379-5965.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 6/20: 9:30a In-person worship *Happy Birthday Maria Hoban, Bonnie Zorn, and Eric Muehlbauer! Happy Father's Day!*

Monday 6/21:

Tuesday 6/22:

Wednesday 6/23: *Happy Anniversary Lee & Nicole Watson! **Spirit News Due!!***

Thursday 6/24:

Friday 6/25: *Happy Birthday Trent Hanson and Marissa Molitor!*

Saturday 6/26: *Happy Birthday Jerry Wehrmann!*

Sunday 6/27: 9:30a Worship; *Happy Birthday Warren Fidlin and Kayla Hanson! Happy Anniversary Brad & Maria Hoban!*

Pantry item: Tube of Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant or Lotion