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### **Sunday, June 25, 2023**

**Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver**

**Organist: Polly Jeanty**

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**\*= Please rise in body or spirit**

RINGING OF THE BELLS

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

To you, O God, we lift our hearts.

**Listen to our voices and answer.**

The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

**God does wondrous things with grace and mercy.**

So let us glorify God's holy name together!

**We come to worship God in love and loyalty.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God of grace, you created our minds to grow in wisdom. You created our hearts to expand with love for you and your world. You created our voices to sing your praises forever. Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit, so we may worship you in spirit and in truth, bold and unafraid to follow Jesus, even when challenges confront us. In this time of worship, assure us of your presence with us and reveal to us the path you open before us, for we live to serve as your people wherever you lead. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #47 all**

**"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God who creates the future, you call us to follow you, yet we prefer familiar paths. You offer us new beginnings, yet change makes us uncomfortable. You invite us into the fullness of life, yet we resist more than we already know. Forgive us, O God, and make of us courageous disciples ready to serve in Jesus' name.**

*Time of reflection...*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ, we are a new creation;

**the old life is gone and the new life has come!**

Trust that God loves you and forgives you.

**We are not afraid to make a new start!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #558

“Gloria Patri”

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **Psalms 69:7-18**

<sup>7</sup> It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,  
that shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;  
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

<sup>10</sup> **When I humbled my soul with fasting,  
they insulted me for doing so.**

<sup>11</sup> When I made sackcloth my clothing,  
I became a byword to them.

<sup>12</sup> **I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.

At an acceptable time, O God,  
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.

With your faithful help

<sup>14</sup> **rescue me**

**from sinking in the mire;**

**let me be delivered from my enemies  
and from the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup> Do not let the flood sweep over me,  
or the deep swallow me up,  
or the Pit close its mouth over me.

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Do not hide your face from your servant,  
for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me, redeem me,  
set me free because of my enemies.**

### **Matthew 10:24-39**

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

### SERMON

\*HYMN #386 all

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER... THE LORD'S PRAYER

Petitions end with:

Embrace us all with your mercy, O God,  
**And give us grace to respond to needs around us.**

**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.**

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.)

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, we offer you our gifts in thanksgiving. Pour out your Spirit upon them and upon us. May the gifts we offer bear the fruit of your Spirit in every life we touch in Jesus' name. 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

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 May, June, July, August and September 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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### **Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

#### **Joys:**

We've had several Bethlehem high school students participating at State athletic competitions this Spring!

Zoe Watson - Track

Lily Watson - Track

Dylan Jeanty - Baseball

Harrison Zorn - Baseball

Kenzie Koppenhaver – Soccer

Kendra Muehlbauer - Soccer

#### **Families who have lost loved ones:**

Rose Wedero

Madison Kerber

#### **Those struggling with health issues:**

Heidi Konen

Bob Radder

Darlean Rumpff

Doreen Schmidt

Tom Lefeber

Jessica Horneck

Dawson Horneck

Crystal (Friend of Randy/Melissa)

John Buchholz

Daisy Sippel

Darlene Horneck

Helen Henning

Hattie Lucille

Sandra Tesch

Gary Steinhardt

#### **Those unable to worship with us:**

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

## **Community Announcements**

**Ice Cream Social Supper** – Wed. July 12 – 4pm-6:30pm – Ebenezer UCC, Chilton – Preorder and Carryout only – see flyer for details

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today Sunday 6/25:** 9:30am Worship; ~ *Happy Birthday Trent Hanson and Marissa Molitor!*

**Monday 6/26:** ~*Happy Birthday Jerry Wehrmann!*

**Tuesday 6/27:** ~*Happy Birthday Warren Fidlín and Kayla Hanson!* ~*Happy Anniversary Brad & Maria Hanson!*

**Wednesday 6/28:**

**Thursday 6/29:**

**Friday 6/30:**

**Saturday 7/1:**

**Sunday 7/2:** 9:30am Worship w/ Communion;

**July Pantry Items:  
School Supplies**