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Parking lot worship for

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Polly Jeanty

Thanks for attending our drive-in worship service. Please remember the guidelines below:

- The church will be open for restroom use only.
- The rules for social distancing remain in effect. Stay a minimum of 6 feet from each other and wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose.
- Scrip will be available for purchase before and after worship. 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

L: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your healing love.

P: Forgive us for rejecting your love at times. Restore us to life in which peace flourishes.

L: Our spirits are weighed down by our guilt, fear and rebellion.

P: Darkness surrounds us daily, sometimes of our own doing.

L: Lord, in your mercy you have forgiven, healed and restored us. This is your gracious gift to us because you love us.

P: Thank you, gracious God, for seeing the good in us, showing us the way and healing our lives. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Father, please forgive us for not following you and, then, complaining where we go and hating where we end up. Many of our problems are by our own choice, though not all. None the less we stand in desperate need of forgiveness and healing that only you can do. Show us the way as we cry for help. May we not lose hope, nor look to ourselves as the solution, but focus more intently on you. Forgive us, heal us and lead us forward, so that we ultimately end up in heaven and know a bit eternal peace in this life as well, thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SONG #379

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.’ Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because

they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

MESSAGE "In the Illness is the Cure

SONG #325 "Just as I Am"

PASTORAL PRAYER...LORD'S PRAYER

Each petition ends with "Lord in your mercy," the congregations responds, "**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 FROM JUDE 1: 24-25

POSTLUDE

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Those struggling with health issues:

Amy Wempner

Warren Fidlin

Macullen Schnell (friend of Tasha Rabe)

Dan Wempner

Ross Westphalen

Julia

Theo Marcus

Bonnie Neuhaus

Karen Schlegel

Jane Markelz

Dale Horneck

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer, Carol Meiselwitz,

Other concerns:

Division in the U.S.

The people of Myanmar

Health Care workers

Those who are out of work

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Those whose businesses are struggling

People who live in places where violence prevails.

BETHLEHEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a Maundy Thursday evening production with actors and a choir on April 1 (No joke) in the Bethlehem United church of Christ parking lot.

The group did a very successful “live” Christmas Eve nativity scene and now will try to bring the characters alive on the last evening of Jesus’s life in a “radio broadcast” directly from Jerusalem!

The cast of characters includes Jayne Umland, Ginny Schultz, Bonnie Zorn, Steven Voland, Pastor Roy Rogers, Mark Riesterer, Garret Schultz, Tom Rabe and Will Mathes who also wrote the play.

There will also be a double quartette involved including Traci Rabe, Lora Mathes, Rick Rabe, Tasha Rabe, Ross Westphalen, Lisa Westphalen, Trenton Rabe and Randy Koppenhaver. The quartette is accompanied by Kathy Bowe.

The play is produced by Lora and Will Mathes, Traci Rabe and Kathy Bowe.

The production will begin at 7:00 pm in the Bethlehem UCC parking lot on FM Radio at 101.3 on your radio dial. Everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fish Boil – Friday March 12 – Drive thru from 3pm-8pm – St. Nazianz Fire Station
- Drive thru Stations of the Cross – Good Friday (4/2) – 6pm-7pm – Immanuel UCC (County Roads FF and M, near Lakeland University)

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This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 3/14: 9:30a Drive-In worship; *Happy Birthday Jennifer Deignan!*

Monday 3/15: Tuesday 3/16:

Wednesday 3/17: *Happy Birthday Paisley Bruckschen!!*

Thursday 3/18: *Happy Birthday Tina Salm!*

Friday 3/19: *Happy Birthday Hallie Brockway and Aubree Bruckschen!*

Saturday 3/20: *Happy Birthday Ross Westphalen!!*

Sunday 3/21: 9:30a Drive-In worship; *Happy Birthday Kathy Bowe and Tom Mueller!*

Pantry item: Box of Pasta, Noodles, Rice or Crackers