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Parking lot worship for

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

**Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver**

**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

One: Come, all who desire to know God.

**All: Come, all who yearn to see Jesus.**

One: Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.

**All: God is in our midst this day.**

One: So let us praise God's holy name.

**All: We will worship God with heart, mind, strength and soul, and declare God's goodness to us.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Oh God, just as Jesus did, we cry out to you today. You know our losses and fears; you understand our suffering and pain. We wish to see Jesus; to know his healing touch; to hear a reassuring voice. We long to see the day when evil is overcome and wrong cannot prevail. Lift us up and draw us in as we worship this hour. Equip us in our daily living to remain faithful to you. Amen.**

SONG #414

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus, our friend and Savior, as we ponder your sacrifice, we recognize the self-centered ways in which we lead our lives. You entrust us with the task of sharing your love in this world, yet we often we fall short. We get lost in our own plans and worries and neglect to show love, even to those right beside us. We find some people too difficult to care for. We think some people unworthy of your love and ours. Our own needs seem insurmountable, and we cannot reach out to someone else. Forgive us, Lord Jesus. Renew a right spirit within us, so that we find the courage to go on and the compassion to reach out in your name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus said, come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God’s gifts to you this day. Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day. **People: Thanks be to God. Amen**

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

**Psalm 51**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

### **John 12:20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

### MESSAGE

SONG #190

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

PASTORAL PRAYER...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.**

#### COMMISSION AND BLESSING

L: God has written the law of love within us. We are empowered to live according to that law.

**P: We have experienced God's presence together. That presence will sustain us as we scatter.**

L: God's wisdom has been planted in our hearts. It's different from the wisdom of this world.

**P: We dare to live as forgiven and forgiving sinners. We risk showing love to those who seem unlovable.**

L: We are people of God, accepted and loved. We are followers of Christ, commissioned for service.

**P: Where Christ leads us, we will follow. Where our service is needed, we will go.**

**All: Amen**

#### 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 Jane 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:**

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

**Monday 3/22:** *Happy Birthday Riley Radder and Derek Meyer!*

**Tuesday 3/23:** *Happy Birthday Randy Koppenhaver!*

**Wednesday 3/24:**

**Thursday 3/25:** *Happy Birthday Amber Krueger!*

**Friday 3/26:** *Happy Birthday DuWayne Ninmer, Doreen Schmidt, Ryan Freund, and Averi Moioffer!*

**Saturday 3/28:**

**Sunday 3/28:** 9:30a Palm Sunday Drive-In worship;

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