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Parking lot worship for

Sunday, March 7, 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: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

All: With the whole firmament, let us proclaim God's handiwork.

One: The law of the LORD revives the soul.

All: May God's teaching bring us wisdom in our worship.

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD,

All: For you are our rock and redeemer, and so we praise you!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have set the whirling cosmos in motion and called all creatures into being. All that exists speaks of your majesty, yet no detail misses your care and attention. You know each of us by name, and make yourself known to those who seek you. Your wisdom delights the human heart and purifies the soul. We gather to enjoy your presence with us, and to listen for

your Word for our times and our lives. God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, to you alone all worship, honor and glory are due, this day and every day, now and always. Amen.

SONG #27

“How Great Thou Art”

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of majesty and mercy, we are aware that you are present here and everywhere, drawing near to us. Yet we confess we are often distracted from your presence. Many things compete for our attention. We are tempted to seek things that cannot truly satisfy. We envy those who are successful in the world’s terms, and so pursue our own desires, without questioning the cost to the earth or those in need. Forgive us, O God. Send us the Holy Spirit to awaken us to your purposes and pursue them with renewed commitment, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

St. Paul declared that the message of the Cross is foolishness to many, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. By this power, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God for the wisdom to live as forgiven people. Amen.

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP

GREETING

L: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

P: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

L: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

P: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

L: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

P: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

L: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

P: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

L: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

P: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

PRESENTATION

L: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

COVENANT

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor ...

...L: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

P: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.

P: Amen.

DECLARATION

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

John 2:13–22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

MESSAGE

SONG #528

"As We Gather at Your Table"

COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us pray.

**We give thanks, loving God,
that you have refreshed us at your table.**

**Strengthen our faith;
increase our love for one another.**

As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread,

may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Those struggling with health issues:

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:

- **Security System**

- Our current security system is obsolete and non-functional. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has selected a bid of \$3957.45 from Tantrum Audio. If you would like to make a designated donation to this system, please put it in a separate envelope or write "Security system" on the memo line of your check. Any funds received that extend beyond the cost of the project will be added to the building maintenance fund.

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)

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 3/7: 9:30a Drive-In worship w/ Communion; *Happy Birthday Dylan Jeanty!*

Monday 3/8:

Tuesday 3/9: 6:30pm Consistory; *Happy Birthday Rachel Meyer!*

Wednesday 3/10:

Thursday 3/11: *Happy Birthday Steven Voland and Scott Umland!*

Friday 3/12:

Saturday 3/13: *Happy Birthday Ben Molitor!*

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

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