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Parking lot worship for

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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: Let us sing to the Lord a new song,

All: for God has done marvelous things.

One: Let us make known the Lord's victory,

All: for God's steadfast love covers the whole earth.

One: Let us sing joyful praises,

All: and join all creation to worship God's holy name.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Creating Spirit, we join with the chorus of all of creation
to celebrate your wondrous deeds.**

**Fill us with your joy and train our ears for harmony,
so that we may contribute to the world You are already creating.**

**All this we pray in the name of Jesus,
who revealed what is possible through love. Amen.**

SONG #259

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Unwavering God, we keep asking what is it that you most want us to do with our lives in hope you might tell us something easier. Instead, You offer the same answer every time: Love one another as I have loved you.

People: We confess that our love for others is not always what we hope it would be.

Leader: We are quick to judge and slow to offer grace.

People: We are swift to anger and resistant to make amends.

Leader: We are prone to suspicion and resistant to build trust.

People: We hear the greatest commandment, and if we are honest, we are filled with hesitation because it means we must change.

Leader: Unwavering God, in these moments of stillness, hear our struggles with the love you call us to practice... (silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, hear the good news. God’s love is so extravagant and inclusive that it knows no bounds. It transcends borders and speaks a universal language. Abide in that love. Find joy in that love. Be renewed by that love. Replicate that love in the world. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

RESPONSE #571

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen

the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

John 15:9–17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

MESSAGE

SONG #206

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

PASTORAL ... 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

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Those struggling with health issues:

Tom Brickbauer
Macullen Schnell
Jane Markelz

Dale Horneck
Olivia Marie
Jessica Horneck

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer, Carol Meiselwitz,

Other concerns:

Recent victims of gun violence

Division in the U.S.

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Health Care workers

Those who are out of work

Those whose businesses are struggling

People who live where violence and injustice prevails.

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BETHLEHEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:



During the month of May, we will again be collecting items for the Milwaukee Guest House's Undy 500.

Please bring **NEW** men's undergarments and socks. They are especially in need of L, XL, and 2XL t-shirts for their residents. There is a box in the entryway for your donations.

SHH! It's a surprise!

Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer are celebrating 72 years of marriage on May 21, 2021. Due to Covid, the family is not able to hold a celebratory gathering. They would like friends and family to send them a card on their special day. Thank you!

Mail cards to:

Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer
c/o Field of Dream Assisted Living
505 Belitz Dr.
Kiel WI 53042

Calendar

Building and Grounds meeting May 25th at 6:30pm in church fellowship hall.

Plan a visit to one of our homebound members!

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

Carol Meiselwitz is at The Waterford in Plymouth. Monday-Friday by appointment only. (920-892-4635)

Community Events:

May 12, 4p-7p – Brat Fry – St. James UCC – Spring Valley

May 14, 4p-6:30pm - Drive-Thru Fish Fry - Anchor Lanes, Elkhart Lake - Sponsored by Community UCC

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 5/9: 9:30a Drive-In worship; *Happy Birthday Jennifer Brockway and Tim Mueller!*

Monday 5/10: *Happy Birthday Bryan Jeanty!*

Tuesday 5/11: 6:30pm Consistory Mtg.; *Happy Birthday Pam Bowe!*

Wednesday 5/12: *Happy Birthday Jennifer Stroschine!*

Thursday 5/13: *Happy Birthday Brandi Krueger!*

Friday 5/14: *Happy Birthday Sarah Arnold and Brenda Riesterer!*

Saturday 5/15:

Sunday 5/16: 9:30a Drive-In worship; *Happy Anniversary Ken & Lori Behnke and Steve and Cheryl Vogel!*

Pantry item: Bottle of Laundry Soap or Fabric Softener