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Sunday, November 13, 2022

Worship led by: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Genesis 3:19, Matthew 24:36)**

From dust you have come,

And to dust you shall return.

But about that day or hour

No one knows.

Not even the angels in heaven,

Nor the Son, but only the Father.

Lord of all, we submit ourselves to your merciful care this day.

-Submitted by Austin D. Hill

***OPENING PRAYER**

O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your divine compassion. Be mindful of us and have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships. Amen

***HYMN #434**

"Precious Lord, Take my Hand"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, we are called to be a joyful people, giving thanks for You and Your good gifts. There are times, however, when sin and sorrow grow, pushing joy to the side. We lose sight of Your grace, and instead fall into despair. We are consumed by loss, distracted by stuff, and crippled with fear. We focus on our lack, rather than Your love. Lift our eyes, Lord Jesus, and renew our joy in You. Remind us that: in Your sacrifice is our forgiveness, in Your death is our resurrection, in Your coming is our joy! Through Christ we pray, Amen.

-Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

May God bless you with a restless discomfort
about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears
to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they
cherish,

so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you really can make a difference in this world,
so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

-A Franciscan Blessing

***RESPONSE** **"Gloria Patri"**

**Glory be to the Father, And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 50:1-11

Then Joseph threw himself on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. Joseph commanded the physicians in his service to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel; they spent forty days in doing this, for that is the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him for seventy days.

When the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph addressed the household of Pharaoh, 'If now I have found favour with you, please speak to Pharaoh as follows: My father made me swear an oath; he said, "I am about to die. In the tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore let me go up, so that I may bury my father; then I will return.' Pharaoh answered, 'Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear to do.'

So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. Both chariots and charioteers went up with him. It was a very great company. When they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they held there a very great and sorrowful lamentation; and he observed a time of mourning for his father for seven days. When the Canaanite inhabitants of the land saw the mourning on the threshing-floor of Atad, they said, 'This is a grievous mourning on the part of the Egyptians.' Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan.

Job 23:1-7

Then Job answered:

'Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
O that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.
There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge.

John 11:17-21, 28-35

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep.

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SERMON "Spiritual Stages of Grief"

*HYMN #516 "I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry"

Service of Baptism for Maxwell James Voland

Date of Birth: August 12, 2022

Parents: Kevin & Mandy Voland

Sponsors: Julie Mueller and Laura Mueller

Officiant: Rev. Roy H. Rogers

INVITATION

WELCOME

Leader: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."

Leader: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

ADDRESS

Leader: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible ...and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

People: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT (please stand)

People: We receive this child as a new person in Christ. We offer our understanding and support as he explores life. We enfold this child in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We join with these parents and these sponsors in telling the gospel in our midst so that this child may live with us for Christ, showing forth Christ's love for all people.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God with the United Church of Christ's Statement of Faith.

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through
prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and
death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church
of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues,
and races.**

**You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to
be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all
the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and
eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of
grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in
trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

HYMN #462

“Jesus Loves Me”

CALL TO THE OFFERING - *(Offerings and Jingle Change are collected before and after worship. The basket is located near the double doors to the sanctuary. Your NOVEMBER JINGLE CHANGE offerings help the Sunday School’s mission to support a local organization, group or individual in need during the holiday season)*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 282

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus
Christ,
His Son (2 times)**

“Give Thanks”

**And now...
let the weak say, “I am strong”
Let the poor say, “I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done
for us” (2 times)**

Give thanks... (2 times)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE LORD’S PRAYER

Thanksgiving People Congregational Prayer (responsive)

Thank you Lord that you are an impossibility specialist;
the long winter’s grip is just ahead, but we’ll adapt to it,
the whole earth is full, yet harvested under a limited sun.
You bring new life where there is lifelessness,
you resurrect hope when we are mired in darkness.

We are a people of Thanksgiving,

Bring Thanksgiving to all among us who are grieving;
your solace that we will see our loved ones again,
your comfort that you will be with us in the hour of our death.

We are a people of Thanksgiving!

Bring an air of Thanksgiving to all among us who are despairing,
give us light and meaning in our times of suffering,
and your energy when life is at its lowest ebb.

We are a people of Thanksgiving!

Bring an air of Thanksgiving to all among us who are ill in mind or
body, a healing touch to calm our fears,
your soothing presence to carry us when we falter.

We are a people of Thanksgiving!

Bring Thanksgiving to all who are locked away in jails,
as well as those among us chained by addictions
and every prison of prejudice.

We are a people of Thanksgiving!

Bring an air of Thanksgiving to our fields and neighborhoods,
the stranger welcomed, the hungry fed,
your kingdom coming here in Kiel and surrounding area.

We are a people of Thanksgiving,

Thank you for showing us who we are
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
and for transforming us daily through your creative Spirit.

We are a people of Thanksgiving

and "Alleluia" is our song!

Thanks be to God! Amen!

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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.

***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.***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **The Bethlehem Ladies are taking orders for Poinsettias.** They are \$9 each and the colors available are red, white and pink. The last Sunday to order Poinsettias is December 4th. The Poinsettias can be taken home on Christmas Day after worship service. The sign up is on the table in the fellowship hall. Cash or checks to "Bethlehem Ladies" can be given to Jeanette Wriedt. Thank you!!!
- The blue and yellow candle on the altar is lit in unity with the people of the Ukraine.
- For many years Bethlehem UCC has supported Heifer International through an auction hosted by the Bethlehem Merry Christians. In order to make a donation in 2022, the Merry Christians are asking you to make a monetary gift by Sunday, December 11. Checks can be made payable to: Bethlehem Merry Christians. And mailed to: Lora Mathes, 21607 CTH C, Kiel, WI 53042. Thanks in advance for your generosity to help those in need. ~Bethlehem Merry Christians

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Piercy Edward Hoepfer Heugel was born 11/6/22 – Parents: Sage and Emily Heugel, Proud Grandparents: Scott & Jane Umland

Families who have lost loved ones:

Lincoln Boris (Grandson of Kert & Christi Henning)
Michael (Grandson of Shirley/ Nephew of Kathy and Kaye)
Doris Schuler (Mother of Linda Rabe)
Steve Rumpff
DuWayne Ninmer
Jane Markelz

Those struggling with health issues:

Bob Radder	Daisy Sippel
Finn (a young boy with cancer)	Darlene Horneck
Doreen Schmidt	Helen Henning
Tom Lefeber	Hattie Lucille
Jessica Horneck	Kenzie Koppenhaver
Dana (friend of Melissa K)	

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Other Concerns:

People of the Ukraine and others affected by war and violence.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 11/13: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship

Monday 11/14:

Tuesday 11/15: ~Happy Birthday Julie Mueller!

Wednesday 11/16:

Thursday 11/17: ~Happy Birthday Darlean Rumpff!

Friday 11/18: Happy Anniversary Pat & Bonnie Hoban!!

Saturday 11/19:

Sunday 11/20: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship

November Pantry Items: Cake Mix or Frosting