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Sunday, November 20, 2022

Worship led by: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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***= Please rise in body or spirit**

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Today Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king, both of our lives and our hearts.

ALL: A king who, with his word, his example, and his life- mutilated on the cross saved us from death,

One: and — this king — indicates the path to those who are lost,

ALL: gives new light to our existence marred by doubt,

One: by fear and by everyday trials.

ALL: Let us worship him in the spirit and truth he deserves.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

**Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!
In Jesus' Name, Amen. (Debbie McDaniel)**

*HYMN #431

“Savior, like a Shepherd, Lead Us”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Inspired by Mark 4:26-34)

Leader: King Jesus, you taught your disciples a great deal about your kingdom, and we confess that we have thought much more about our own kingdoms than about yours. In fact, you are the king over all creation, and we are not.

People: You are the King over all creation; we are your humble servants.

Leader: We confess that we have acted like the kings and queens over our lives, and we have not regarded your reign nearly as much as we ought. In fact, we have tried to keep your sovereign rule as far away from our lives as much as possible.

People: You are the King over all creation; we are your humble servants.

Leader: We ask that you renew our hearts to love and cherish your authority and power. We want to obey you, we want to serve you, and we want to follow you.

People: You are the King over all creation; we are your humble servants. Help us love and worship you. Amen.

Leader: (assurance of forgiveness)

*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

Daniel 7: 13-14

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion

and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the
earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to
be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and
dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and
who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked
him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your
own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I?
Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have
you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom
were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being
handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate
asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king.
For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

SERMON

"A Letter From Our King"

*HYMN #58

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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”

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

**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 - Cheerful Giving Prayer for the Offering
God of the Universe, thank you that your promises are sure, you are faithful, we can rely on you. Your word says that we will find joy in offering our time, talents, and money to meet the needs of others. Help us to give freely, sacrificially and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. May you cause the seeds that we sow to grow into well-watered, fruitful trees of life. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE LORD’S PRAYER

Petitions end with: “Rejoice to know...**Christ is King.**”

**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

It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ
as our Lord and King.
Our mission in life is
to make his kingdom a reality among us
and to bring it to those around us
by our words and deeds.
The way to do this is to live as he lived:
for others, in love and service.
May almighty God bless you for this task:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
and to give shape to his kingdom. **Thanks be to God!**
~ from **Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration.**

POSTLUDE

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP!!

Please join us at 7pm on Wednesday for
ecumenical worship!!

There will be a lot of special music, much of it
from our own Bethlehem members!

Bell Quartet from Bethel UCC

Dessert and Fellowship following!!

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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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, Dec. 3 - Cookie Walk @ St. Peter UCC, Kiel – 9am-11am
- Sunday, Dec. 11 – Handbell Christmas Concert – Ebenezer UCC, Chilton – 3pm
- Saturday, Jan. 14 – Ordination of Nicole Herda- Grace UCC, Two Rivers – 11am

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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)	Dawson Horneck

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 11/20: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship; **SPIRIT NEWS DUE!!**

Monday 11/21: ~Happy Birthday Heidi Konen!!

Tuesday 11/22: ~Happy Birthday Keith Bowe, Bruce Jeanty, Asher Rodriguez!

Wednesday 11/23: 7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship @ Bethlehem followed by dessert; ~Happy Birthday Ellie Holz!

Thursday 11/24 : HAPPY THANKGIVING!!! ~Happy Anniversary Tom & Traci Rabe!!

Friday 11/25: ~Happy Birthday Joe Molitor!

Saturday 11/26: ~Happy Birthday Logan Shaver! Happy Anniversary Kerry & Barb Henning!

Sunday 11/27: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship

November Pantry Items: Cake Mix or Frosting