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Sunday, November 7, 2021

Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Polly Jeanty

Bethlehem Safe Indoor Worship Guidelines

- Masks = You decide what's best for you, your loved ones and those around you.
- Remain 6 feet apart from members outside of your family
- The congregation will refrain from singing (Humming is permitted)
- An offering plate will be available in a central location
- Please wait for an usher to dismiss you after the service.
- For those who wish to congregate, you are asked to do so outside
- Please stay home if you or a member of your family is not feeling well.
- Scrip will be available for purchase on the first and third Sundays. 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: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

All: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

One: We have come to remember God's benefits to us, the living.

All: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

One: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures.

All: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever.

Amen

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, as we gather in this place, we join with all your saints in every time and place to celebrate salvation. You heal the brokenness within and among us. You rescue us from the cruelty we impose on one another amid our doubts, fears, and attention seeking. Help us in these moments to know your Spirit surrounding us, to sense your love embracing us, to realize your goodness empowering us for joyous service. In your Holy name, Amen.

TOTEN FEST: ALL SAINTS DAY LITANY

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents
whose lives ended too soon:

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

(At this time, the names of those who passed during the past year will be read, followed by a chime. After each chime, those families may come forward and light a candle or lantern in his/her honor. Following the reading of those names, a general invitation will be made for anyone to come forward to light a candle in memory of a loved one.)

Carol Meiselwitz 5/15/2021

We celebrate the life of Carol, O God,
and lift up many more names in our hearts.

**Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.
We know you are with us in the spirit of worship,
and you will not be forgotten.**

We give thanks, O God,
for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.
We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ,
and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,
**You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.
In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.
Amen.**

(Written by— Rev. Mindi, on her [Rev-o-lution](#) website.)

OPENING SONG “For All the Saints”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

First Corinthians 15:50-58

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’

‘Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

SERMON

SONG #206

“He Lives”

CALL TO THE OFFERING

On this Sunday, we give thanks for the lives of saints throughout the centuries who have shown in many ways what it costs to follow Jesus. Our offering is one way in which we share in the costs of serving him in this generation. May the example of others, who shared their faith in Christ so that we may believe, inspire our generosity today.

SONG

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all generations, past, present and future, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the inheritance of faithfulness we have received as followers of Jesus. Bless these gifts so that today’s ministries may flourish and provide an inheritance for those who come after us, as you guide them into a future only you can see.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER Leader will end each petition with “God in your mercy...” The congregation responds with “**Hear our prayer**”

HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you.
Lift up your hearts
Give thanks to God.

**And also with you
We lift them up to God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

PREFACE

We remember all who have gone before us ...
...We join them and all the angels and saints of heaven in the hymn of unending praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

Hosanna in the Highest!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION/REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING AND POURING

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE BLESSING

One: May the presence of Christ, Body and Spirit, keep and preserve you to everlasting life.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us pray.

All: Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us in this simple meal. May your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever expanding, until the day when you gather all your saints from the four winds to share in your eternal banquet. In all our words and actions may your name be praised now and forevermore. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please wait to be dismissed by the ushers. Thank you.)*

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Jerry Matzdorf

Those struggling with health issues:

Everett Henning

Helen Henning

Dale and Darlene Horneck

Hattie Lucille

Mary Vogel

Marilyn Hanke

Warren Fidlin

Raeline (friend of Umlands)

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Tom Brickbauer

Macullen Schnell

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

Those unable to worship with us: Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

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OCTOBER'S JINGLE CHANGE OFFERING SUPPORTS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THEIR HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Plan a visit to our homebound members! Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

- Do you have a son or daughter in college or in the military? The Bethlehem Ladies would love to let them know we are thinking about them by giving them a little Christmas gift. We need the congregation to help us out with this so we don't miss anyone! So, if you have a son or daughter in college or the military, please email me at pollyjeanty@gmail.com or let any one of the Bethlehem Ladies know. Thank you!
- 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 5th. 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 snow will be here before you know it! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall for the month you can help keep the church sidewalks cleared.
- The ordination of Emma Landowski will be Saturday, November 13 at Immanuel U.C.C. in West Bend from 1pm to 4pm.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 11/7: 8:00a Sunday School; 9:30a Worship w/ Communion and Toten Fest

Monday 11/8: *Happy Birthday Ryan Arnold!*

Tuesday 11/9: 6:30pm Consistory;

Wednesday 11/10: 6pm Confirmation Class;

Thursday 11/11 *Happy Anniversary Arlyn Retlich and Donna Truttman!*

Friday 11/12

Saturday 11/13:

Sunday 11/14: 8:00a Sunday School; 9:30a Worship led by Confirmation class

Pantry item: Box of Cake Mix or Frosting