



... all things
are possible
with God.

Mark 10:27, NIV

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Sunday, October 10, 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 (Psalm 107, Luke 12)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's love and warm embrace last forever.

When we cry out in distress, the Lord hears our call.

**Praise the Lord who delivers us
from sin and death.**

Christ calls us to clothe ourselves in righteousness.

Worship the One who wraps us with justice,
and helps us grow in the image of our Creator.

Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.

May our hearts be filled with God's blessings,
divine provisions that meet our true needs.

*OPENING PRAYER (Hosea 11, Psalm 107)

Loving and forgiving God, be present with us now, as we offer praise and thanksgiving for the abundance we have received through your grace.

You have gathered us in, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, to be your people.

Like a loving parent, you have sustained our needs—

sharing your love with us,

satisfying our thirst,

and filling our hunger with good things.

Help us, Lord, to heed your call, that we might find deliverance through Christ

Jesus, our Lord and Savior

Amen

SONG #282

“Give Thanks”

(no singing, please)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.” ’ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded

and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

SERMON

"The Rich Young Ruler and Us"

SONG #325

"Just As I Am"

(no singing, please)

PASTORAL PRAYER... LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The heavens declare the
glory of God

**All: The skies display the work of his
hands**

God of light and God of night
Creator of seed and mountain
raindrop and fountain
We bring our offering of praise.
God of right and God of might
Lover of child and childless
rich and homeless
We bring our offering of praise.

Leader: Do you not know? Have you
not heard?

**All: The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the
earth (Isaiah 40:28)**

'As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night
will never cease.' (Gen 8:22)

By faith
I gaze up to the heavens
and know
within its vastness
that this is your creation
planned and effected within eternity

By faith
I pluck an ear of corn
and know
within its symmetry
lies the chemistry of life
the potential of creation within my
hand

By faith
I listen for your voice
and know
the whisper that I hear
breathed a world into existence
yet listens to the prayer within my
soul

By faith
I strive to do your will

and know
the door that I approach
may lead me to shadows
where my role is to become your light

By faith
I cling to your word
and know
the strength that I receive
has its source within the love
that is at the centre of all things

Leader: Listen to these words from
Christina Rossetti ((1830-1894)) and
think about them for a moment,

'Lord, purge our eyes to see
within the seed a tree,
Within the glowing egg a bird,
Within the shroud a butterfly,
Til, taught by such, we see
beyond all creatures, thee.'

Leader: For the beauty of a country
scene

All: We praise you Lord for sight

Leader: For the coolness of a
mountain stream

All: We praise you Lord for touch

Leader: For nightingale in tuneful
flow

All: We praise you Lord for ears

Leader: For the taste of fruit that we
have grown

All: We praise you Lord for senses

Creator God, for daily bread
and all who work
to bring your harvest home
we bring our thanks today.

(pause)

Forgive our ingratitude
we who have so much
yet waste what you have given.

(pause)

For those whose harvest is poor,
whose crops have withered,
water tainted, children starve,
help those who bring relief
and bestow on us
an unaccustomed generosity,
that all might share from your garden
and all might sing your praise.

(pause)

Creator God, provider of all
we bring our thanks today.
And we bless each other
that the beauty of this world
and the love that created it
might be expressed though our lives
and be a blessing to others
now and always. Amen

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

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Barbara Pahr -Daughter of Rev Carl and Helen Fried (former pastor Bethlehem and Bethel)
Bruce Schaar
Mike Mathes

Those struggling with health issues:

Helen Henning	Mother of Dawn Wirtz
Hattie Lucille	Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)
Everett Henning	Tom Brickbauer
Mary Vogel	Macullen Schnell
Marilyn Hanke	Dale Horneck
Warren Fidlin	Olivia Marie
Raeline (friend of Umlands)	Jessica Horneck
Jill – Randy’s aunt	

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

Other concerns:

Those affected by hurricanes, wildfires or other natural disasters.

People of Afghanistan

People of Haiti

Division in the U.S.

Health Care workers

Those who are out of work

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Those whose businesses are struggling

People who live where violence and injustice prevails.

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OCTOBERS JINGLE CHANGE OFFERING SUPPORTS NEIGHBORS IN NEED. In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving the homeless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Save the date:

Oct. 10: Crop Walk

Oct. 17: Reception for Pastor Roy

Area church disaster relief project:

Tickets are available for the United Church Men and Women’s Dinner which will be at Grace UCC in Two Rivers on October 21 at 6:30pm. \$18 each – See Randy

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Oct. 21 – Chili Supper (drive thru) – Our Shepherd UCC, Howards Grove – 4pm-7pm

Team Rubicon and Catholic Charities are among several organizations in the state collecting needed items for Afghan refugee families coming into Fort McCoy. Locally items are being collected by the Veterans Affairs officer at MPTC. A list of needed items is hanging on the board in the fellowship hall. If you'd like to donate any items, please give them Randy by October 10. Melissa will get them to the proper person at MPTC.



This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 10/10: 8:00a Sunday School; 9:30a Worship; 12pm Crop walk in Howards Grove

Monday 10/11

Tuesday 10/12: 6:30pm Consistory; *Happy Birthday Dale Horneck and Abby Wilharms!*

Wednesday 10/13:

Thursday 10/14: *Happy Birthday Rick Rabe!*

Friday 10/15: *Happy Anniversary Mark & Brenda Riesterer!*

Saturday 10/16: 10am Ladies Bingo @ Field of Dreams; *Happy Birthday Lisa Westphalen! Happy Anniversary Tom & Marie Mueller!*

Sunday 10/17: 8:00a Sunday School; 8:30am Beth Ladies Mtg; 9:30a Worship; Reception for Pastor Roy; *Happy Birthday Cameron Wempner! ** SPIRIT NEWS DUE***

Pantry item: Cleaning Supplies