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Sunday, October 17, 2021

Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver

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 "Thy Word" Piano Duet: Kathy Bowe and Polly Jeanty

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Mark 10:35-45*)

One: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

Many: But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

One: The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope.
 Fullness of life!

 We may come here to get close to Jesus,

Many: And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

One: Baptized into the reign of God,
 where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people
 and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

Many: But Jesus challenges us: **“To become great you must serve!”**

One: Why are we here?

Many: **To drink the cup of fullness of life;**

To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace;

To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Psalm 91:9-16; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c*)

Holy Dwelling Place, Your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus’ cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light, and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. Amen.

SONG #104 “Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (no singing, please)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Isaiah 53:4-12*)

Divine Shepherd, like sheep we go our own ways.

With our heads to the ground and our attention turned elsewhere,
we often fail to heed the gentle nudge of your staff and your calls for home.

With so many things to distract us—

work, school, and the general busyness of life—

we lie unresponsive to your calls to kin-dom service.

(Moment of silence and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Protector Jesus, you came among us

in order to shelter us from the cold of night and forests of danger.

In your presence, we are in green pastures!

In you we are forgiven, and called once again to serve,

and create with you a world of justice and peace for all. **Thanks be to God! Amen**

*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP

GREETING

L: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

P: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

L: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

P: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

L: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

P: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

L: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

P: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

L: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

P: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

PRESENTATION

Steven Volland, Sunday School Teacher

Amy Wempner, Sunday School Teacher

Sarah Arnold, Sunday School Teacher

Rev. Roy Rogers, Pastor

L: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

COVENANT

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor ...

...L: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

P: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.

P: Amen.

DECLARATION

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:35–45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great

among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art" Polly Jeanty and Kathy Bowe

MESSAGE

SONG #442 "The Servant Song" (no singing, please)

CALL TO THE OFFERING

SONG "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great and gracious God, we offer you these gifts, small tokens of our love for you. Bless them with the power of your Holy Spirit so they may accomplish more than we can even imagine, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Friend. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER... LORD'S PRAYER

Each petition ends with: "God, in your deep mercy,"

Congregation responds: **Hear our 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 *(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)

Jill Freeman – Randy’s aunt

Bruce Schaar

Mike Mathes

Those struggling with health issues:

Everett Henning

Helen Henning

Dale and Darlene Horneck

Hattie Lucille

Mary Vogel

Marilyn Hanke

Warren Fidler

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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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. **YOU MAY ALSO MAKE A SPECIFIC OFFERING TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED USING ONE OF THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES LOCATED NEAR THE BULLETINS.**

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.

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:

TODAY (10am-1pm) – Curbside pick-up Chicken and Ham Dinner – Holy Rosary Parish

Oct. 20 – Chili Supper (drive thru) – Our Shepherd UCC, Howards Grove – 4pm-7pm



This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, 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**

Monday 10/18:

Tuesday 10/19:

Wednesday 10/20: 6pm Confirmation Class

Thursday 10/21:

Friday 10/22:

Saturday 10/23:

Sunday 10/24: 8:00a Sunday School; 9:30a Worship;

Pantry item: Cleaning Supplies