



## **BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**Worship led by: Rev. Roy Rogers**

**Organist: Polly Jeanty**

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

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today's celebration of Mission Sunday concerns all of us,  
for mission is the task given to all.

The whole church is mission. We are instructed to serve.

**We want all peoples to know God's love**

**and to know Jesus Christ - through the work and support we offer.**

Lord Jesus,  
you wish all people to be saved from persecution, poverty, and injustice.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus,  
you have made us a light to shine on all nations:  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you command your disciples to preach and live out the Good News of God's love

to the ends of the earth, and to work for the benefit of all mankind.

***Lord, have mercy.***

\*OPENING PRAYER

**O God, You have made your Church,  
the sacrament of salvation for all peoples,  
that the saving work of Christ  
may continue until the end of time.**

**Stir up in the hearts of the faithful a realization  
that they are called to work for salvation and justice, and to end the suffering of  
the whole human family.**

**We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. *AMEN.***

SONG #541 vs. 1-2

“Here I Am”

SCRIPTURE READINGS / COMMENTARY

**Matthew 10:39**

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**Matthew 23:11**

The greatest among you will be your servant.

**Matthew 25:31- 46**

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not

visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

### **Luke 10: 25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

### **Hebrews 6:10**

For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.

### **James 2:18-20**

But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren?

### **1 John 3:18**

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

### **Proverbs 11:25**

A generous person will be enriched,  
and one who gives water will get water.

SONG #313 vs 1-2

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

HOLY COMMUNION

(All bread is gluten-free. Grape juice is in the center ring, wine in the outer rings)

INVITATION

Through the waters of baptism, we are born into Christ’s family. That family is nourished and sustained at this table. Though we are baptized but once, in the Lord’s Supper we reaffirm our commitment to Christ, and God renews us with grace. If the Words of Institution are used at the invitation to the table, they are not repeated during the eucharistic prayer or at the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

According to Luke,

when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,  
he took bread, blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened  
and they recognized him.

This is the Lord’s table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him  
to share the feast which he has prepared.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE (Hold the elements until all are served)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God,  
we thank you that in this sacrament  
you assure us of your goodness and love.  
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
and help us to grow in love and obedience,  
that we may serve you in the world  
and finally be brought to that table  
where all your saints feast with you forever. Amen**

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.*)

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 282

“Give Thanks”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, we bring you our gifts, grateful that we have something to share, and glad to be part of a network of mission and mercy which circles the earth. Bless the ministries supported by The United Church of Christ, as well as the missions of our congregation. Use our gifts to multiply their impact in the world you love through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE LORD'S PRAYER

Litany for Mission

God the Father, Creator of heaven and Earth, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the Faithful, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **Have mercy on us.**

May it please you to send your church in all the world, that the name of Jesus may be known and his love demonstrated to all peoples, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to awaken a zeal for missions in the hearts of all your people, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to send out laborers into your harvest, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to enkindle within your people an awareness of mission and a willingness to provide faithful support, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to bless the missions to all continents of the world, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

For all people driven from their homes by war, violence, and natural disaster and for the nations who receive them that you may provide, protect, and care for them, We pray to you, O God. **Lord hear our prayer**

For the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed people of the world, and all who suffer, We pray to you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and infirm and those who minister to them, We pray to you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the Resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, We pray to you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. And we pray as Christ taught us...

<https://agmp-na.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/AGMPLitanyforMission2018.pdf>

**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

### **2022 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members**

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### **Save the date!!**

- **Oct. 2 – Mission and Service Sunday TODAY!! projects following worship**
  - **Highway Cleanup**
  - **Sandwich Making for Guest House**
  - **Bingo at Field of Dreams Assisted Living**
  - **Lunch will be provided. (Bethlehem Chili!!)**
- **Oct. 9 – CROP Walk – supports food security both globally and locally. 12:00 reg. 12:30 walk begins at Memorial Park in Howards Grove. (2 or 4 Mile options)**
- **Oct. 16 – Outdoor worship followed by picnic. Fun games and Lunch! More details coming soon!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The blue and yellow candle on the altar is lit in unity with the people of the Ukraine.
- Field of Dreams is accepting visitors again! Merlin and Doris Mae would love to see you!

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Bethel UCC on County Line Road is having their annual Drive-Thru Chili Supper on Wednesday, October 5th from 11:00 am until 6:30 pm or until chili is gone. - Tickets are \$9.00 each.

### **Bethlehem's Spiritual Leadership Team:**

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### **Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

#### **Joys:**

#### **Families who have lost loved ones:**

Doris Schueler (Mother of Linda Rabe)  
Stanley McCabe (Father of Doris Rabe)  
Steve Rumpff  
DuWayne Ninmer  
Jane Markelz

#### **Those struggling with health issues:**

McKenna Rugowski	Finn (a young boy with cancer)
Doreen Schmidt	Helen Henning
Tom Lefeber	Hattie Lucille
Glen Schad	Jessica Horneck
Signe Burkhart	Dana (friend of Melissa K)
Kenzie Koppenhaver	Darlene Horneck

#### **Those unable to worship with us:**

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

#### **Other Concerns:**

People affected by hurricane Ian

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

People affected by wildfires and natural disasters.



## **Upcoming Events at the Kiel Performing Arts Center:**

October 22, 2022 - 7:00 pm - Fiddler's Farm presented by the Friends of Kiel Performing Arts. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.showtix4u.com/events/KielPAC](http://www.showtix4u.com/events/KielPAC) or in-person from 10 am-12 noon on 10/11, 10/14, 10/18 and 10/21. All seats are \$20 for this show.

Side note: The Fiddler's Farm is a Branson-quality bluegrass and country band that plays tunes from artists like Merle Haggard, Patsy Cline, Connie Smith, Asleep at the Wheel, Flatt, and Scruggs, Bill Monroe, and many more.

November 4-5, 2022 - 7:00 pm & November 6, 2022 - 2:00 pm - The Kiel High School Drama Department presents *Grease: School Version*. Public ticket sales will begin on October 17, 2022. On and after that date, tickets will be available online at [www.showtix4u.com/events/Kiel](http://www.showtix4u.com/events/Kiel) or in-person from 10 am-12 noon on 10/25, 10/28, 11/1 and 11/4. Tickets for *Grease* are \$10.

November 11, 2022 - 10:30 am - Kiel High School Veteran's Day Program. The Veteran's Day Program is free and open to the public.

November 11, 2022 - 7:00 pm - Kiel Municipal Band Fall Concert. Tickets are available online at [www.showtix4u.com/events/KielPAC](http://www.showtix4u.com/events/KielPAC) or in-person on any of the above in-person ticket sales dates and also from 10 am-12 noon on 11/8. Tickets for the KMB concert are \$5.

November 17, 2022 - 2:00 pm - Ozark Jubilee presents Branson Country Christmas. Many of you have been asking about this event. The Ozark Jubilee is handling all ticket sales for this event. You can obtain tickets by calling their toll free number, 1-877-461-4441.

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today Sunday 10/2:** 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship; Mission and Service Sunday  
Followed by Chili Lunch

**Monday 10/3:**

**Tuesday 10/4:** ~Happy Birthday Kerry Henning!

**Wednesday 10/5:** 6pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday 10/6:**

**Friday 10/7:**

**Saturday 10/8:**

**Sunday 10/9:** 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship; CROP WALK @ Memorial Park in  
Howards Grove – Registration 12-12:30, Walk @ 12:30~Happy Anniversary Lloyd &  
Darlean Rumpff!

**October Pantry Items: Cleaning Supplies**