



BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday, October 30, 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 (based on Hebrews 12:1-2, NRSV)**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely

And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God,

that we may celebrate the witness

of our forefathers and foremothers

and the courage that gave birth to the Reformation.

Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past

as well as in our present days.

May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts

be one that forms our own faith.

Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church

and be present to us your in word and sacrament.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen

—written by the Rev. Dr. Letty Russell and posted on the **Presbyterian Promise** website.

*HYMN #232 all

“Come Holy Spirit”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (inspired by Romans 10:8-13)

Seek the Savior while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near.

For he will have mercy and abundantly pardon.

Let us pray.

Since even when we give our best and strongest love to your service,
we still fall short of the glory you intended for us;

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Since even in our moments of sharpest clarity and wisdom
we are yet creatures of profound ignorance and much foolishness;

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Since you know how hard it is for us to see your truth clearly,
to follow it fully, and to love you completely;

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Gracious God, the magnitude of our sins
is far outweighed by the magnitude of your mercies.

We, your grateful people, turn to you in trust,
asking through Christ Jesus that our sins may be forgiven
and our folly overruled by your abundant grace.

Through this same Jesus Christ.

Amen!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Romans 10:9)

The Scripture says:

“No one who believes in God shall be put to shame.

For every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

I assure all who repent of their sins,

that your guilt is annulled and your freedom is granted.

Thanks be to God!

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page

*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

Romans 3:19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For ‘no human being will be justified in his sight’ by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’ They answered him, ‘We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, “You will be made free”?’

Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Acts 7:54-60

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

SERMON “Continued Reformation”

*HYMN #382 (all) “A Mighty Fortress”

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. October's Jingle Change supports the Neighbors in Need campaign. **Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. There are also special envelopes to designate offerings to this campaign.*)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 282

"Give Thanks"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Through the gifts that we have placed in these plates and the offerings that we give of our time and talents, we seek to grow the Church, God. Let us continue to find creative ways to contribute. And may our Still Speaking God's call entice us to not only build but reform Christ's church. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE LORD'S PRAYER

PETITIONS END WITH... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

— from the website of St. James Lutheran Church in Bettendorf, Iowa.

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 (based on John 14:2-3, Romans 8:31, Philippians 4:7)

If the God who raised Jesus from the dead is for us, who dare be against us?
We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Step out into the world in humble confidence:
there is nothing about to happen that God has not foreseen,
and no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you,
preparing a place and an opportunity for you.
Thanks be to God.

The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son.
And the blessing of God all-loving,
the Creator, Redeemer and Counsellor,
will be with you now and always. **Amen!**

— written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Homepage**

POSTLUDE

2022 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Calling all talents!! On Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 23, we will be having worship at 7pm. We are seeking individuals, small groups, etc., that might be willing to share their talents as part of the worship service. Singing or playing an instrument are just a couple of examples. Please let Pastor Randy know if you are willing to participate.

Bethlehem's Spiritual Leadership Team:

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- **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!!!
- We would like to offer some extra help to one of our laundry clients. She is on a fixed income and is trying to cope with rising costs of food, gasoline and goods. Please visit the giving tree and grab an ornament to donate gift cards, paper goods, cleaning products, etc.
- The blue and yellow candle on the altar is lit in unity with the people of the Ukraine.

Those in our thoughts and prayers:



Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Michael (Grandson of Shirley/ Nephew of Kathy and Kaye)
 Emily Wegner (Teacher at Kiel Middle School)
 Doris Schueler (Mother of Linda Rabe)
 Stanley McCabe (Father of Doris Rabe)
 Steve Rumpff
 DuWayne Ninmer
 Jane Markelz

Those struggling with health issues:

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

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Other Concerns:

Victims of gun violence in Raleigh, NC
 People of the Ukraine and others affected by war and violence.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming Events at the Kiel Performing Arts Center:

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 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 - 7:00 pm - Kiel Municipal Band Fall Concert. Tickets are available online at 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 10/30: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship;

Monday 10/31: ~Happy Birthday Laura Mueller!

Tuesday 11/1: ~Happy Birthday Mark Riesterer!

Wednesday 11/2: 6pm Confirmation; ~Happy Birthday Carolyn Riesterer!

Thursday 11/3: ~Happy Birthday Doris Mae Ninmer!!

Friday 11/4: ~Happy Birthday Caryn Bruckshen! Happy Anniversary Steve & Jennifer Deignan!!

Saturday 11/5:

Sunday 11/6: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship w/ Communion and Toten Fest

November Pantry Items: Cake Mix or Frosting