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Sunday, October 31, 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 25)

We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.

Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

We wait for you.

Lead us in your paths of truth.

Do not remember our failures.

Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

We lift up our souls to you,

and praise you always.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Dear Heavenly Father, I desire to learn how to worship You as You deserve. Help me Lord, to grow into the sort of worshiper that You are seeking, one who worships You in spirit and truth.

I pray also that my life may be one that honors You in all I say and all I do, in all the circumstances of life, throughout the day and as I drift into sleep at night.

I pray further that I may learn to walk in all of Your ways, to serve with all of my being and to learn to love You as You have loved me. Teach me Lord, how to worship You in the beauty of holiness so that I may be one that bows my heart before You in spirit and truth, to Your honor and glory. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

SONG #25

“Sing a New Song”

(no singing, please)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Romans 3:28

For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

SERMON

“A Very Special Guest”

SONG #303

“Battle Hymn”

(no singing, please)

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... LORD’S PRAYER

O God, We bless you for the happy moment when we first saw your law fulfilled in Christ, wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven, our souls saved.

**Ever since, you have been faithful to us:
daily have we proved the power of Jesus’ blood,
daily have we known the strength of the Spirit, our teacher, director, sanctifier.**

We want no other rock to build upon than that we have,
desire no other hope than that of gospel truth,
need no other look than that which gazes on the cross.

**Forgive us if we have tried to add anything to the one foundation,
if we have unconsciously relied upon our knowledge,
experience, deeds, and not seen them as filthy rags,
if we have attempted to complete what is perfect in Christ;**

May our cry be always, Only Jesus! only Jesus!
In him is freedom from condemnation,
fullness in his righteousness,
eternal vitality in his given life,
everlasting union in fellowship with him;

In him we have all that we can hold;
enlarge us to take in more.

**If we backslide,
let us like Peter weep bitterly and return to him;
If we are tempted, and have no wit,
give us strength enough to trust in him;
If we are weak,
may we faint upon his bosom of eternal love;
If in extremity,
let us feel that he can deliver us;
If driven to the verge of hope and to the pit of despair,
grant us grace to fall into his arms.**

Good Father, we lift these names and other in prayer to you. Bless and heal them as you see fit and may our prayers to you for them not end with this service, but, like cheated widow and unjust judge story in the Bible, may we continue to pray on and on for them until see your inevitable hand at work in them. We lift up these and other names to you for this petition...

**O God, hear us, do for us more
than we ask, think, or dream.**

We pray the prayer you taught us...

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:

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| Jerry Matzdorf | Raeline (friend of Umlands) |
| Everett Henning | Mother of Dawn Wirtz |
| Helen Henning | Karl (nephew of Will and Lora) |
| Dale and Darlene Horneck | Tom Brickbauer |
| Hattie Lucille | Macullen Schnell |
| Mary Vogel | Olivia Marie |
| Marilyn Hanke | Jessica Horneck |
| Warren Fidlin | |

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.

- 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 Sunday November 13 at Immanuel U.C.C. in West Bend from 1pm to 4pm.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 10/31: 8:00a Sunday School; 9:30a Worship; *Happy Birthday Laura Mueller!*

Monday 11/1: *Happy Birthday Mark Riesterer!*

Tuesday 11/2: *Happy Birthday Carolyn Riesterer!*

Wednesday 11/3: 6pm Confirmation Class; *Happy Birthday Doris Mae Ninmer!*

Thursday 11/4: *Happy Birthday Caryn Bruckschen! Happy Anniversary Steve & Jennifer Deignan!*

Friday 11/5

Saturday 11/6:

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

Pantry item: Box of Cake Mix or Frosting