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**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

**Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver**

**Organist: Kathy Bowe**

**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**

One: The banquet table is prepared: God calls us to feast together.

**All: We have come from east and west, from north and south,  
to sit together at the Lord's table.**

One: Compassion, love and grace pour out like fine wine.

**All: God's Word is bread for our journey.**

One: Let us join Christians around the world to share in God's gifts.

**All: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Eternal God, as we come to your table today, we recognize that, here, heaven and earth join hands. Around this holy table, we join with your church which stretches around the world, and across many generations, to meet you in our**

**midst. As we remember Jesus this day, unite us to those who have served you over the centuries, and to all who serve you in so many different situations today. We praise you for your amazing love which embraces this countless congregation and invites us into a future you are creating for us all. Around your table, O God, let us join hands with heaven and earth to celebrate your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG #501      “In Christ there is no East or West”      (no singing, please)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

**Psalm 26**

Vindicate me, O LORD,  
for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in  
the LORD without wavering.  
Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my heart and mind.  
For your steadfast love is before my  
eyes,  
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with hypocrites;  
I hate the company of evildoers,  
and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence,  
and go around your altar, O LORD,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,  
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

O LORD, I love the house in which you  
dwell,  
and the place where your glory  
abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners,  
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,  
those in whose hands are evil  
devices,  
and whose right hands are full of  
bribes.

But as for me, I walk in my integrity;  
redeem me, and be gracious to me.  
My foot stands on level ground;  
in the great congregation I will bless  
the LORD.

MESSAGE

SONG #525      “One Bread, One Body”      (no singing, please)

THE LORD'S SUPPER FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

STORY OF THE TABLE

Now listen to the story of how God's reconciling love set this table for us....  
As Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, let us also bless God for what we receive.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you;

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts;

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our greatest calling and greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...  
Therefore, we join our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim your glory in the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy is your Son Jesus, O God.... As we break bread and share wine in his name,  
with your people here and in every place, we recall the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine.

Gather your church together from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom where peace and justice are realized,

and joy will be shared at the banquet you prepare for us  
when heaven and earth join hands.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory are yours, Tender and Mighty God,  
now and forever. And now we pray the words which Jesus gave all his followers:

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have nourished us, body and soul, in this meal.  
We have heard your love proclaimed,  
now send us out to speak it to others.  
We have seen your love poured out,  
now send us out to show it in everything we do.  
We have been fed by your love at your table,  
now send us out to share it so the world may believe.  
And let all things be done for your glory. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

As people who have been fed,  
go now to feed the world.  
As those who have been given hope,  
bring hope in place of despair.

**May God help us to do so.**

And always remember  
that we are never cut off from the Source.  
The Bread of Life, the True Vine is with us always.  
And so we always share in Hope's Banquet.

**Thanks be to the One who hosts the banquet! Amen.**

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

**Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

**Joys:**

**Families who have lost loved ones:**

Bruce Schaar

**Those struggling with health issues:**

Helen Henning

Hattie Lucille

Everett Henning

Mary Vogel

Marilyn Hanke

Warren Fidlin

Raeline (friend of Umlands)

Jill – Randy’s aunt

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Mike Mathes

Tom Brickbauer

Macullen Schnell

Dale Horneck

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

**Those unable to worship with us:** Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer

**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 Ninmer 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:**

Wednesday, Oct 6 – Drive thru Chili Supper at Bethel UCC- 11am-6:30pm - \$8.00

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

**Today, Sunday 10/3:** 8:00a Sunday School; 9:30a Worship w/ Communion;

**Monday 10/4:** *Happy Birthday Kerry Henning!*

**Tuesday 10/5:** *Happy Birthday Mike Ninmer!*

**Wednesday 10/6:** 6pm Confirmation class

**Thursday 10/7:**

**Friday 10/8:**

**Saturday 10/9:** *Happy Anniversary Lloyd & Darlean Rumpff!*

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

**Pantry item: Cleaning Supplies**

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.

Tickets on sale at Showtix.com soon!

**SAVE THE DATE**

~~PIANO~~ 10.24.21

10.23.21 Friends of Kiel Performing Arts

10.24.21 Let Me Be Frank PRODUCTIONS

11.12.21 KIEL MUNICIPAL BAND KMB WISCONSIN

2021 Concert Series