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Sunday, October 9, 2022

Worship led by: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Kathy Bowe

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

We will worship the LORD with gladness and come into God's presence with song.

Know that it is the LORD God who made us, and we are God's people.

We will enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.

Let us give thanks to God this day and bless God's holy name.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious and Loving God, we gather in this season of thanksgiving, struck by the colors of the leaves, the last warm breezes, birds flying south in formation. Such beauty speaks to us of your goodness, and your desire to provide what each of your creatures needs.

As we gather, renew our sense of gratitude for every good gift you offer us. Especially we praise you for the gift of Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk in the world you love and offers us grace and compassion to share with those we meet. Receive our love and gratitude in his name, and by your Spirit, empower us to live gratefully each and every day.

Amen

*HYMN #34

“Let All Things Now Living”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living and loving God,
We acknowledge we enjoy life
with an abundance many nations cannot imagine.
Yet we confess, we do not always recognize the blessings we share.
We worry about our futures,
and ignore the present needs of those around us.
Forgive us our fears and narrow vision
and our failure to care for creation as you intended. (silent reflection)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting.
Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and set free to begin again.
Let us give special thanks for God’s most generous love. Amen

*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

Psalms 66:1-12

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

 sing the glory of his name;
 give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds!

 Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

 they sing praises to you,
 sing praises to your name.’

Selah

Come and see what God has done:

 he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

He turned the sea into dry land;

 they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him,
 who rules by his might for ever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

 let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Selah

Bless our God, O peoples,

 let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living,
 and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us;
 you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net;

you laid burdens on our backs;
you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through

water;
yet you have brought us out to a
spacious place.

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

SERMON

*HYMN #281 all

"Count Your Blessings"

*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

Gracious and generous God, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we receive from your hand. Bless and multiply them, just as Jesus multiplied a few loaves and fishes to bless others. Use them so others can taste your love in our community and in your world, through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE LORD'S PRAYER

Petitions end with: "God of all goodness, **Receive our prayers**"

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

POSTLUDE

2022 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

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Save the date!!

- **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! Bring your lawn chair!**

- **Oct. 20 – 6:30pm - United Church Men & Women’s Banquet @ Our Shepherds UCC in Howards Grove - \$18/person – See Randy for tickets**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Want to help victims of Hurricane Ian? One way is to go to <https://support.ucc.org/> and designate your gift to “Emergency USA”
- 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:

- Oct. 19 - Chili Supper @ Our Shepherd UCC, Howards Grove- Drive through only. 4-7pm. Adults \$10, Children \$4

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Signe Burkhart
Doris Schuler (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:

People affected by hurricane Ian

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

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 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 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 10/9: 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!

Monday 10/10:

Tuesday 10/11: 6:30pm Consistory Mtg

Wednesday 10/12: ~Happy Birthday Abby Wilharms!!

Thursday 10/13:

Friday 10/14: ~Happy Birthday Rick Rabe!

Saturday 10/15: ~Happy Anniversary Mark & Brenda Riesterer!

Sunday 10/16: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Outdoor Worship followed by Church Picnic; ~Happy Birthday Lisa Westphalen! Happy Anniversary Tom & Marie Mueller and Daniel & McKenna Rugowski!

October Pantry Items: Cleaning Supplies