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Sunday, September 18, 2022

Worship led by: Randy Koppenhaver

Organist: Polly Jeanty

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the LORD.

We will bless God's holy name now and evermore.

The glory of the Lord is high above the heavens,
but God raises up the poor and needy on the earth.

So we will sing God's praise.

Let us worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God our Creator, You sustain your creation as the source of life for every precious thing. You have given us more than we could ever earn or deserve, and so we offer you our love and loyalty, for without you, we would not be. Receive our worship this day, O God.

**Speak to us in the sounds and silence of this hour,
and amaze us with your promise of new life revealed in Jesus Christ,
and your power at work in us and among us through the Spirit.**

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #553 vs. 1,2,4

“Gather Us In”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Generous God,
You have enriched us with life worth living,
but we confess we often squander your good gifts.
We have wasted our time and energy,
but held tightly to things we think we need.
Forgive our foolish priorities
and those times we overlooked the needs of others.
Inspire us to live more generously,
trusting your goodness to sustain us always.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, while it is true that we have squandered God’s good gifts, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. Trust the mercy of God, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. **Thanks Be to God! 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 LESSONS

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, ‘When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time on and for evermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the LORD is to be praised.
The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

SERMON

*HYMN #307 all

“We are Called”

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. September JINGLE CHANGE supports the CROP WALK project)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282 "Give Thanks"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring our gifts to you, O God, in gratitude for all you give us. Bless them and make them a source of healing for a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who sends us out in love. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER... LORD'S PRAYER

Each petition ends with, "God, speak to us a word of hope.." Response:
Embrace us with your love.

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.***

COMMISSIONING

One: Use well what God has given you.

All: **We will use our prayers to discern the purpose of God,
we will use the Bible to see God at work,
we will use the church to support and encourage us,
we will use our talents to serve others,
we will use the example of the saints to inspire us,
we will use the life and death of Jesus to guide us.**

One: God will go with you! God is before you!

POSTLUDE

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Save the date!!

- **Oct. 2 – Mission and Service Sunday- short service projects following worship (Possible activities: Highway clean-up, card making, Food prep for shelter residents, assisted living visit) Lunch will be provided.**
- **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. Details coming soon!**

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 9/18: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship; **Spirit News Due**

Monday 9/19:

Tuesday 9/20: 6pm Bethlehem Ladies Guest speaker night. ~Happy Birthday Bonnie Hoban!

Wednesday 9/21:

Thursday 9/22:

Friday 9/23:

Saturday 9/24: ~Happy Anniversary Ross & Lisa Westphalen!

Sunday 9/25: 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship; ~Happy Birthday Robert Schnell!

September Pantry Items: Package of Toilet Paper or Paper Toweling



Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Steve Rumpff
Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)
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
Warren Fidlin	

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Other Concerns:

People of the Ukraine and others affected by war and violence.
People affected by wildfires and natural disasters.
People affected by recent gun violence in our nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Bethlehem UCC Ladies are hosting their annual guest night on Tuesday, September 20th. Our guest speaker is Nancy Zimmerman who will be speaking about the history of Kiel. We will begin the evening with a complimentary lunch at 6:00 pm and Nancy's presentation to follow. Lunch will consist of broasted chicken, rolls, salads and dessert. Men and women of the congregation and the community are invited to join us. Please invite your family and friends!! There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or call/text Polly Jeanty at 920-286-2605 by Sunday, Sept 18th. Hope to see you there!

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- 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.