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Sunday, September 19, 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

Today's celebration of Mission Sunday concerns all of us,
for mission is the task given to all.

The whole church is mission. We are instructed to serve.

**We want all peoples to know God's love
and to know Jesus Christ - through the work and support we offer.**

Lord Jesus,
you wish all people to be saved from persecution, poverty, and injustice.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus,
you have made us a light to shine on all nations:
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you command your disciples to preach and live out the Good News of God's love
to the ends of the earth, and to work for the benefit of all mankind.
Lord, have mercy.

*OPENING PRAYER

**O God, You have made your Church,
the sacrament of salvation for all peoples,
that the saving work of Christ
may continue until the end of time.
Stir up in the hearts of the faithful a realization
that they are called to work for salvation and justice, and to end the suffering of
the whole human family.
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. *AMEN.***

SONG #307 “We are Called” (no singing, please)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

1 Peter 4:10

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with
whatever gift each of you has received.

Hebrews 6:10

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

MISSION MOMENT

SONG #448 "How Shall I Serve You, Lord?" (no singing, please)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE LORD'S PRAYER

Litany for Mission

God the Father, Creator of heaven and Earth, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the Faithful, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **Have mercy on us.**

May it please you to send your church in all the world, that the name of Jesus may be known and his love demonstrated to all peoples, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to awaken a zeal for missions in the hearts of all your people, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to send out laborers into your harvest, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to enkindle within your people an awareness of mission and a willingness to provide faithful support, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

May it please you to bless the missions to all continents of the world, **We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

For all people driven from their homes by war, violence, and natural disaster and for the nations who receive them that you may provide, protect, and care for them, We pray to you, O God. **Lord hear our prayer**

For the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed people of the world, and all who suffer, We pray to you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and infirm and those who minister to them, We pray to you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the Resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, We pray to you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. And we pray as Christ taught us...

<https://agmp-na.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/AGMPLitanyforMission2018.pdf>

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:

Robert Cwiertniak (Mathes' son-in-law)
Kerilyn Hickman

Those struggling with health issues:

Merlin Ninmer
Helen Henning
Hattie Lucille
Everett Henning
Mary Vogel
Marilyn Hanke

Warren Fidlin
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 Ninmer

Other concerns:

The many Americans affected by hurricane Ida

Those affected by wildfires

Americans lost and affected by recent militant attacks in Afghanistan

People of Afghanistan

People of Haiti

Division in the U.S.

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Health Care workers

Those whose businesses are struggling

Those who are out of work

People who live where violence and injustice prevails.

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**SEPTEMBERS'S JINGLE CHANGE OFFERING SUPPORTS RURAL
CHURCH FELLOWSHIP'S CROP WALK, WHICH WORKS TO ADDRESS
FOOD INSECURITY ON BOTH A GLOBAL AND LOCAL SCALE.**

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:

Sept 19: Mission Sunday

Oct. 10: Crop Walk

Oct. 19: Reception for Pastor Roy

Mission Sunday – TODAY!!

Following the worship service, we will be working on small service projects.. A bag lunch will be provided. Projects will be:

- Picking up litter along Hwy X
- Making sandwiches for Guest House Residence
- Creating special cards for community places
- Spiffing up our church yard and grounds

Area church disaster relief project:

Area UCC churches are joining forces to create “clean up kits” for disaster relief victims. Items will be collected and placed in five gallon buckets. Bethlehem is asked to create at least one kit by Oct. 3. Sign up to bring items. We need new:

- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Handi Wipes or Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water
- (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday, Oct 2 – 9a-3p - Brat Fry at the Kiel Mill – Bake sale – Silent Auction – Go inside and check out the mill! - Sponsored by the Kiel Area Historical Society

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



This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 9/19: 8:00a Sunday School; 9:30a Worship; Mission and Service Projects;

Monday 9/20: *Happy Birthday Bonnie Hoban!*

Tuesday 9/21:

Wednesday 9/22:

Thursday 9/23:

Friday 9/24: *Happy Anniversary Ross & Lisa Westphalen!*

Saturday 9/25: *Happy Birthday Robert Schnell!*

Sunday 9/26: 8:00a Sunday School; 9:30a Worship; *Happy Birthday Abriella Langdon!*

Pantry item: Toilet paper or Paper Toweling