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Sunday, September 26, 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 (unison)**

We meet as a family in the presence of our heavenly Father.

We meet as brothers and sisters in Christ, equal in standing, accepting the responsibility this places upon us to love one another as you have loved us.

We meet as your lights in this dark world, everyone of us is needed.

We and pray that through our words and our lives others might be drawn into your family, and accept you as their Savior and Lord. Amen

***OPENING PRAYER**

God, you have given all peoples on common origin.

It is your will that they be gathered together

as one family in yourself.

Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love

**and with the desire to ensure justice for all.
By sharing the good things you give us,
may we secure an equality for all
our brothers and sisters throughout the world.
May there be an end to division, strife, and war.
May there be a dawning of a truly human society
built on love and peace.
We ask this in your name. Amen.
- Author Unknown**

SONG #553

“Gather Us In”

(no singing, please)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

4 The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, ‘If only we had meat to eat!’⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.’

10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, ‘Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, “Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child”, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, “Give us meat to eat!” ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.’

16 So the LORD said to Moses, ‘Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.’

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' ²⁹But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!'

SERMON "No one has a Watts line to God"

SONG #550 "All are Welcome" (no singing, please)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE LORD'S PRAYER

Each petition ends with: "Lord in your graciousness..." Congregation responds, **"Thank you for hearing our prayer."**

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 **Adapted from Ephesians 4:3-6**

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

There is only one body and one Spirit,

Just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism;

One God and father of us all,

Who is over all, and in all, and through.

Submitted by Austin D. Hill

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	Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)
Helen Henning	Mike Mathes
Hattie Lucille	Tom Brickbauer
Everett Henning	Macullen Schnell
Mary Vogel	Dale Horneck
Marilyn Hanke	Olivia Marie
Warren Fidlin	Jessica Horneck
Mother of Dawn Wirtz	

Those unable to worship with us: Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Other concerns:

The many Americans affected by hurricanes
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 Nimmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

Save the date:

Oct. 10: Crop Walk

Oct. 19: Reception for Pastor Roy

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

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:

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

Monday 9/27:

Tuesday 9/28:

Wednesday 9/29: 7pm Confirmation event at Lakeland University- meet 6:30pm @ church

Thursday 9/30: *Happy Anniversary Dan & Amy Wempner! Happy Birthday Chad Jeanty!*

Friday 10/1: *Happy Anniversary Andrew & Natasha Verhulst!*

Saturday 10/2: *Happy Birthday Cheri Vogel!*

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Pantry item: Toilet paper or Paper Toweling