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Sunday, June 2, 2024
Second Sunday After Pentecost
Worship Leader: Randy Koppenhaver
Organist: Polly Jeanty

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***= Please rise in body or spirit**

CENTERING BREATH PRAYER: as you inhale, say the first part of the prayer to yourself, and say the second part as you exhale. Repeat 5x

Even before a word is on my tongue :: You know it completely

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #549

"As We Gather"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

MISSION TRIP MINUTE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Raise a song of joy and gladness before God.

We will make music and sing God's praises.

Sing aloud to God, our strength!

We will shout for joy to the God who made us.

Worship God who makes all things new!
We will celebrate God's goodness in prayer and praise.

*OPENING PRAYER:

God of all life and each life, you created us in love to enjoy your presence in creation. You made us in your image so that we would find purpose and possibility in our lives. You gave us Sabbath rest to breathe in your grace and peace week by week. In Jesus you show us how to share grace and peace with one another. Refresh us in this time of worship, so that we may leave with a deep sense of well-being at our core, for we offer ourselves to you through Christ, our Savior. Amen

*OPENING HYMN #486 all "God is Here, As We His People"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of all life and each life, you created us to enjoy your presence, yet we confess it is easy to lose track of that joy. When times are tough, we feel resentful. When someone else succeeds, jealousy creeps in. Some days bad news is all we hear. Draw us back to your goodness and grace.

Time of silent reflection...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gift to us this day.

We are renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves within us in each new day. Praise be to God! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: Doxology

**Be thou, O God, exalted high, and as thy glory fills the sky
So let it be on Earth displayed, Till thou art here, as there, obeyed.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So

he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Psalm 139: 1-6

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- ² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them

with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

*HYMN #541 all

"Here I Am, Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE...THE LORD'S 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Jingle Change goes to "Strengthen the Church" (*The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. – ucc.org*)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #447 v.1 "All Things are Yours"

**All things are Yours: we make that true, when we return our gifts to you,
And so we give, and so we share, In Christ's strong name expressing care.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace and goodness, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we receive from you, in Christ and in creation. Bless the ministries of our congregation and of the United Church of Christ in these challenging times. Surprise us by what you accomplish through us as we sow seeds of generosity in the gifts we bring. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(God's table is open to ALL, regardless of affiliation or membership. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will partake together. All bread is gluten free. The inner circles are grape juice, the outer rings are wine.)

INVITATION

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

*COMMUNION RESPONSE #525 Refrain only

"One Bread, One Body"

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table.
Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another.
As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread,
may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and
hope. 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

**This morning's liturgies and prayers are from <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Have you been attending for a while, but are not an official “member” of Bethlehem? We'd love to have you join! On Sunday, June 30, we will be having a “New Member Sunday.” We will meet at 8:30am to discuss a few things about Bethlehem and then “receive” new members during worship at 9:30. Please let Pastor Randy know if you would like to join our church!

- Please let Pastor Randy know of any members who are graduating (High school or higher education). We like to honor them in June.

- Sunday school families received information regarding Vacation Bible School @ St. Mark's UCC on August 13-15 from 9a-12. Transportation to St. Marks will be available. Please let Pastor Randy or Kathy Bowe know if your child will attend.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS -See flyers in fellowship hall for more details

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Those struggling with health issues:

Art Matzdorf

Nancy Zimmermann

Gary Steinhardt

Mason Kannell

Heidi Konen

Dawson Horneck

Darlene Horneck

Brad Westphalen

Wanda Matzdorf

Chad Jeanty

Jessica Horneck

Jim Markelz

Marie Rietbrock

Heather

Mary Beth Molitor

Tom Lefeber

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Helen Henning

Other Concerns: Victims of storms and tornados in US and mudslide in Papua New Guinea.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 6/2: 9:30am Worship w/ Communion

Monday 6/3: ~Happy Birthday Brenna Koppenhaver, Brian Radder, and Kylie Brockway!

Tuesday 6/4: ~Happy Birthday Brooke Muehlbauer!

Wednesday 6/5:

Thursday 6/6: ~Happy Birthday Keatyn Suttner! Happy Anniversary Jesse & Jenna Rumpff!

Friday 6/7:

Saturday 6/8: ~Happy Birthday Ginny Schultz!

Sunday 6/9: 9:30am Sunday Worship

June Pantry Items: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant or Lotion