

**Out of the DEPTHS I cry to you, O LORD.
LORD, HEAR MY VOICE!**

Psalm 130:1-2, NRSV



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Third Sunday After Pentecost
Worship Leader: Bonnie Ziegler
Organist: Kathy Bowe

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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

I wait for the Lord :: and in His word I hope

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #549

"As We Gather"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (adapted from Psalm 138: 1-3, 7-8)

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, with our whole hearts; before all creation we sing your praises

People: **We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**

L: For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

P: **On the day we called, you answered us; you increased our strength of soul.**

L: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us against our adversaries.

ALL: Your steadfast love, O Holy One, endures forever.

*OPENING PRAYER:

Oh, Holy One your love indeed endures forever. We pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit this day as we worship together in beloved community, the realm of your Love. Be with us in our singing and praising as we share the Word together in Jesus' Name. Amen

*OPENING HYMN #456 vs. 1,2,5 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE:

Pastoral Leader: As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace *Time of silent reflection...*

Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE (2 Corinthians 4:13)

Pastoral Leader: "Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture— "I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak" in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God's Love by the grace of Christ.

Thanks 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. Amen**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the

garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Psalm 130 - responsively

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² **Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ **But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ **my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ **It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

Mark 3:20-35

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

SERMON

*HYMN #215 all

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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

Pastoral Leader: We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world. We are grateful and thankful.

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

**O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the
continuation of our work in Christ’s Name. 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

Pastoral Leader: Dear friends, we have been nourished and renewed this day, go out and share the kin-dom of God to all you encounter in the love of God who created us, God who redeemed us, and God who sustains us. Go in peace, sharing the Good News. Amen.

POSTLUDE

**This morning’s liturgies and prayers are from <https://ucc.org>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- If anyone is willing, Pastor Randy is seeking readers for his ordination paper. The main question is, is it understandable from a lay person’s point of view? He welcomes any feed back you can offer. There are some copies in the Fellowship Hall on the table.

- 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. Please have this info to Randy by Thursday, June 13.
- 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

- June 15 – Monster Truck show in Manitowoc – Discount tickets available in fellowship hall.
- August 16-17 – Gospel Music Fest – Hilbert Civic Park – Flyer posted and copies available in the Fellowship Hall

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

The birth of Charly Ann Deignan

Those struggling with health issues:

Will Mathes	Ross Westphalen
Nancy Henschel	Brad Westphalen
Art Matzdorf	Wanda Matzdorf
Nancy Zimmermann	Chad Jeanty
Gary Steinhardt	Jessica Horneck
Mason Kannell	Jim Markelz
Heidi Konen	Marie Rietbrock
Dawson Horneck	Heather
Darlene Horneck	Mary Beth Molitor
Tom Lefeber	Emily (Melissa's cousin)

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 6/9: 9:30am Worship

Monday 6/10:

Tuesday 6/11: ~Happy Birthday Melissa Koppenhaver!

Wednesday 6/12: 6:30pm Consistory Meeting

Thursday 6/13: ~Happy Birthday Julie Mueller and Kate Wilharms!!

Friday 6/14: ~Happy Anniversary Will & Lora Mathes!

Saturday 6/15: ~Happy Birthday Kevin Volland!

Sunday 6/16: 9:30am Worship; Happy Father's Day!! ~Happy Birthday Zoe Watson!

June Pantry Items: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant or Lotion