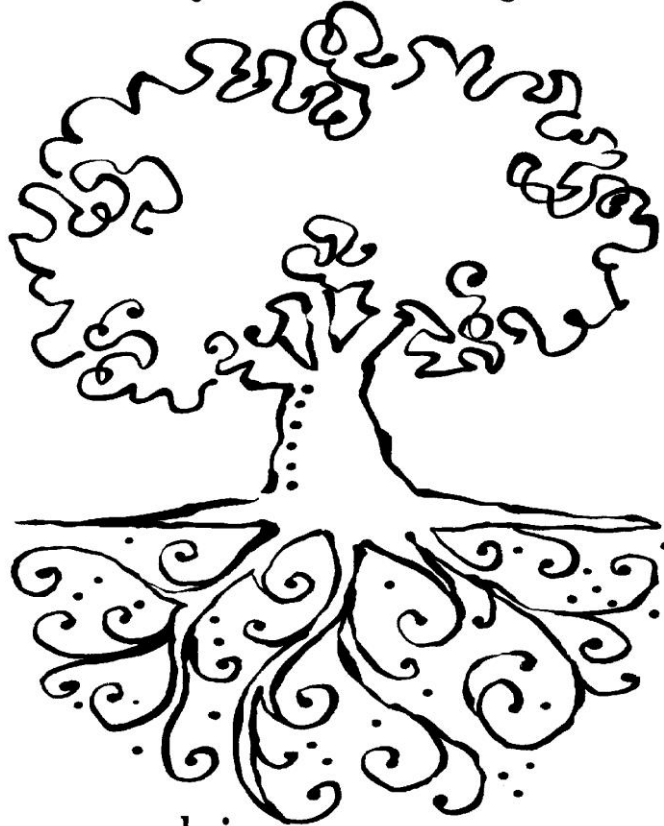


I pray that ... Christ may dwell in  
your hearts through faith,



as you are being  
rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:16-17, NRSV

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:**

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!  
We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name  
and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us"  
rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks.

Please put those in the offering plate.

**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 25, 2021 - 11:00 AM**

*\* Indicates congregation standing if able.  
Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the Friendship Pad found in your pew, passing it down the pew then back.*

Prelude

“HEAVENLY SUNLIGHT”

arr. M. Hayes

Call to Worship (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: God created all things visible and invisible; none other.

**P: God provides food for your stomach and spirit; none other.**

L: God is able to accomplish abundantly  
far more than all we can ask or imagine.

**P: Let us worship the Trinity, and none other.**

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires, known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* Hymn No. 24 “**GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS**”

*God, who stretched the span-gled heavens  
in-fi-nite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burn-ing ra-diance  
through the si-lent fields of space,  
we, your chil-dren, in your like-ness,  
share in-ven-tive powers with you.  
Great Cre-a-tor, still cre-at-ing, show us what we yet may do.*

*Proud-ly rise our mod-ern cit-ies,  
state-ly build-ings row on row.  
Yet their win-dows, blank, un-feel-ing,  
stare on can-yoned streets be-low,  
where the lone-ly drift un-no-ticed  
in the cit-y's ebb and flow,  
lost to pur-pose and to mean-ing, scarce-ly car-ing where they go.*

*We have ven-tured worlds un-dreamed of  
since the child-hood of our race;  
known the ec-sta-sy of wing-ing  
through un-trav-eled realms of space;  
probed the se-crets of the at-om,  
yield-ing un-i-mag-ined power,  
fac-ing us with life's de-struc-tion or our most tri-um-phant hour.*

*As each far ho-ri-zon beck-ons,  
may it chal-lenge us a-new,  
chil-dren of cre-a-tive pur-pose,  
serv-ing oth-ers, hon-oring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise,  
each en-deav-or well be-gun.  
Great Cre-a-tor, give us guid-ance till our goals and yours are one.*

\* Call to Confession

Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude.

Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy.

Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love.

Too often we are indeed separated and alienated from our better self,  
separated and alienated from God.

Let us confess our separation and alienation.

Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

\* Prayer of Confession

**Most holy and most merciful God, in your presence we must face the  
sinfulness of our nature and the errors of our ways, intended and  
accidental. You alone know how often we have failed by wandering  
from your paths, wasting your gifts, and underestimating your love.  
Have mercy upon us, O God, for we have broken your requirements  
for justice and overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us  
with your truth and raise us by your grace that we may more nearly  
be the people of Christ and the witnesses of your Spirit.**

*...(silent and personal confession) Amen.*

\* Sung Response No. 576 “**LORD, HAVE MERCY**”

SINGAPURA

*Lord, have mer-cy.*

*Christ, have mer-cy.*

*Lord, have mer-cy on us.*

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than this moment now!

For in this moment, we call upon God to grant us new life in the center of  
our wounded hearts. It is with great joy that God grants us new life and  
forgiveness of our sin!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by grace!

With great joy, we are made alive! Thanks be to God. Amen.

\* Sung Response No. 581 “GLORY BE TO THE FATHER”

GLORIA PATRI

*Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son,  
and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world with-out end. Amen, amen.*

### THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.

Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing,

we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 14 (*Denunciation of Godlessness*) Pg. 516

Epistle Ephesians 3:14-21 (*Prayer for the Readers*) Pg. 182

History 2 Samuel 11:1-15 (*David Commits Adultery ...*) Pg. 271

Sermon: “Rooted and Grounded in Love”

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith

Hymnal Pg. 37, Sections 1-2

*Jesus portion of The Brief Statement of Faith, 1991*

**In life and death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor**

and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.

\* Hymn No. 693

“THOUGH I MAY SPEAK”

O WALY WALY

*Though I may speak with brav-est fire,  
and have the gift to all in-spire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sound-ing brass, and hope-less gain.*

*Though I may give all I pos-sess,  
and striv-ing so my love pro-fess,  
but not be giv'n by love with-in,  
the prof-it soon turns strange-ly thin.*

*Come, Spir-it, come, our hearts con-trol,  
our spir-its long to be made whole.  
Let in-ward love guide ev-ery deed;  
by this we wor-ship and are freed.*

## Minute for Mission: Family Promise

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Prayers of Intercession

We thank you, compassionate God, that you hear the prayer of every heart:  
those who rejoice at a baby's new birth,  
those who mourn when the circle is complete  
and a friend or loved one has died,  
those who are grateful when their work meets with success,  
those who suffer because no work is to be found,  
those who are bored, not having enough to do,  
those who are tired, having too much to do,  
those who are surrounded by the love of family and friends,  
those who are lonely.

Thank you for hearing us in every situation of life,  
for we all play each of these roles sooner or later.

Help us to support one another,  
rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep.

For we want to be joined together as members of the body of Christ,  
in unity loving one another and serving the world.

We want, like Jesus, to respond to each human being who crosses our path  
with sensitivity and compassion.

It is in the name of Jesus that we pray. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer (*sin / sin against us*)

**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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
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

As God provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
so God provided enough for us to share as we give thanks and praise  
through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us present tithes and offerings.

## Offertory

“THE GIFT OF LOVE”

arr. Helvey

\* Hymn No. 606 **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

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*Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;  
praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;  
praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;  
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness,  
hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed.  
Grant to each giver a sense of participation  
in the most important opportunity of all time:  
to share your love with the world.  
To this end, we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.

## THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 450

“BE THOU MY VISION”

SLANE

*Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.*

*Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true Word;  
I ev-er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shel-ter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.*

*Rich-es I heed not, nor vain, emp-ty praise;  
thou mine in-her-i-tance, now and al-ways;*



*thou and thou on-ly, first in my heart,  
High King of Heav-en, my trea-sure thou art.*

*High King of Heav-en, my vic-to-ry won,  
may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,  
still be my vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.*

\* Benediction

Know that God by the power at work within us  
is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.  
In that knowledge, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

\* Sung Response No. 748 **“GO WITH US LORD”**

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and ev-ery com-ing day,  
that in your Spir-it strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.*

\* Postlude

**“JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”**

arr. Purifoy

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Text: Catherine Cameron, 1967, alt.

Music: Attr. William Moore, 1825; harm. Charles Anders, 1969

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“Lord, Have Mercy”

Text: Trad. Liturgical text

Music: Swee Hong Lim, 1990

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(admin. General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik)

“Though I May Speak”

Text: Hal H. Hopson, 1972

Music: English folk melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972

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“Be Thou My Vision”

Text: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.

Music: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927

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“Go with Us, Lord”

Text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1986

Music: Thomas Tallis; adapt. Parker’s *Whole Psalter, c. 1561*

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“Glory Be to the Father”

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow