

**If we live by
the Spirit,
let us**



**also be
guided by
the Spirit.**

Galatians 5:25, 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
and placed in the offering plate.

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 26, 2022 - 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

Call to Worship

Jesus calls to the crowds with warnings.

Jesus calls to the converts to follow him.

Jesus calls to the resisters with parables of rejection.

Jesus calls to you: "Proclaim the kingdom of God."

And the people answer:

Thanks be to God for life and health and all goodness.

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Holy and gracious God, you call us to ventures that cannot be foretold,
to paths we do not know.

Be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance
that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. Amen.

* Hymn No. 41 “O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE!”

LYONS

*O wor-ship the King, all-glo-rious a-bove!
O grate-ful-ly sing God’s power and God’s love:
our shield and de-fend-er, the An-cient of Days,
pa-vil-ioned in spleen-dor and gird-ed with praise.*

*O tell of God’s might; O sing of God’s grace,
whose robe is the light, whose can-o-py space,
whose char-iots of wrath the deep thun-der-clouds form;
and bright is God’s path on the wings of the storm.*

*The earth with its store of won-ders un-told,
Al-might-y, your power has found-ed of old;
Es-tab-lished it fast by a change-less de-cree,
And round it has cast, like a man-tle, the sea.*

*Your boun-ti-ful care what tongue can re-cite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it de-scends to the plain,
and sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee-ble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mer-cies, how ten-der, how firm to the end,
our Mak-er, De-fend-er, Re-deem-er, and Friend.*

* Call to Confession

Clothed with the mantle of baptism
and protected by God’s promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we desire what is not your will.

We fear failure and cling to unquestioned habits.

**We are truly sorry and repent of what we have done
and what we have not done.**

Show us the path of your prophetic way.

Open our eyes to new ventures.

Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us and renew us,

in the name of life abundant, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Sung Response No. 288 **“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”**

LIVING GOD

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, and peace
given to you through God’s grace.

By the power vested in me as a minister of the church of Jesus Christ,
I proclaim that you are forgiven.

Live in the word of the Lord and be made new.

* 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

Children’s Moment

Musical Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

Your word, O God, reveals your will for our lives.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,

give us each the wisdom to attend to your call every day,
and make us ready to hear and obey.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 16	<i>(Song of Trust and Security in God)</i>	Pg. 469
Gospel	Luke 9:51-62	<i>(A Samaritan Village Refuses ...)</i>	Pg. 66
Epistle	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	<i>(The Nature of Christian Freedom)</i>	Pg. 179

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith **Apostle's Creed (Trad.)** Hymnal – pg. 35

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*With the words "Hear us, O God;"
you are invited to respond "your mercy is great."*

We pray now in Jesus' name for the church, the world,
and all who are in need, saying,
Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Holy God of healing and peace,
we thank you for life and health;
for morning and evening;
for rain and sun;
for all you give us to sustain life;
and most of all for Jesus,
who died and rose again to make real the promise of new life.
Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We ask, O God, for a church that ministers every day
to bring people together in your name,
for hearts that will not judge,
for minds that recognize injustice and oppression in all its forms,
for hands that are open to answer your call.
Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, the nations you have called into being
are many and full of marvels.
We pray for their well-being;
for leaders and workers;
teachers and soldiers;
scholars, artists, parents, and peacemakers;
for nations and peoples in strife,
that your way be known in all the lands and joy may reign.
Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Turn our hearts, Holy One,
to respect and honor those who are not like us;
let us see in peoples of every nation
the majesty of your desire for richness and difference.
Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We pray for bodies and spirits healed,
for those who are in pain,
for those awaiting surgery,
for those who are struggling with physical therapies,
for those awaiting death,
and for those we name now aloud or silently . . .
Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We ask your special blessing, O God,
on the children in our communities,
for their play and work in this summertime
to give them strength and renewal;
for an ever-increasing opening of their minds,
new ways of seeing,
new understandings of the gifts you call them to use;
and for their happiness and health.
Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

For the secret burdens we lift before you now,
either silently or aloud . . .
Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for the saints
who have taught us how to listen to your word,
how to answer your desire for our lives,
and how to teach and proclaim your love to others.
Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Into your hands we place our prayers
and all whose welfare we entrust to your care.
Bless them and all who have needs only you can know.
In thanksgiving for all your gifts,
we pray this in the name of the one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*"sins...sin against us"*)

Hymnal Pg. 35

**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 Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem
to offer himself for the sake of the world,
let us now offer our tithes and gifts in thanksgiving.

Offertory

* Hymn No. 606 **"PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"**

*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 of Gifts and Self

Take these gifts, O God, for the work of this church.
Let them stand as signs of your love and faithfulness.
In the name of the one who gave himself for us, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 724

“O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED”

ANGEL'S STORY

*O Je-sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for-ev-er near me, my Mas-ter and my friend;
I shall not fear the bat-tle if thou art by my side,
nor wan-der from the path-way if thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev-er near:
I see the sights that daz-zle; the tempt-ing sounds I hear.
My foes are ev-er near me, a-round me and with-in;
but, Je-sus, draw thou near-er, and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac-cents clear and still,
a-bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self-will;
O speak to re-as-sure me, to has-ten or con-trol;
O speak, and make me lis-ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.*

*O Je-sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol-low thee
that where thou art in glo-ry there shall thy ser-vant be.
And, Je-sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to fol-low, my Mas-ter and my friend.*

* Charge and Blessing

Live in hope, love with mercy, leave no stone unturned
in your calling as one of God's precious disciples.

For as often as you heed the word of the Lord,
you are turned toward what is good and beautiful.

May the holy Trinity, one God, bless you and keep you, now and forever.

* Sung Response No.765 **“SONG OF HOPE”**

ARGENTINA

*May the God of hope go with us ev-ery day,
Fill-ing all our lives with love and joy and peace.*

*May the God of jus-tice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to ev-ery land and race.*

*Pray-ing, let us work for peace, Sing-ing, share our joy with all,
Work-ing for a world that's new, Faith-ful when we hear Christ's call.*

* Postlude

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“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

“Glory Be to the Father”

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

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