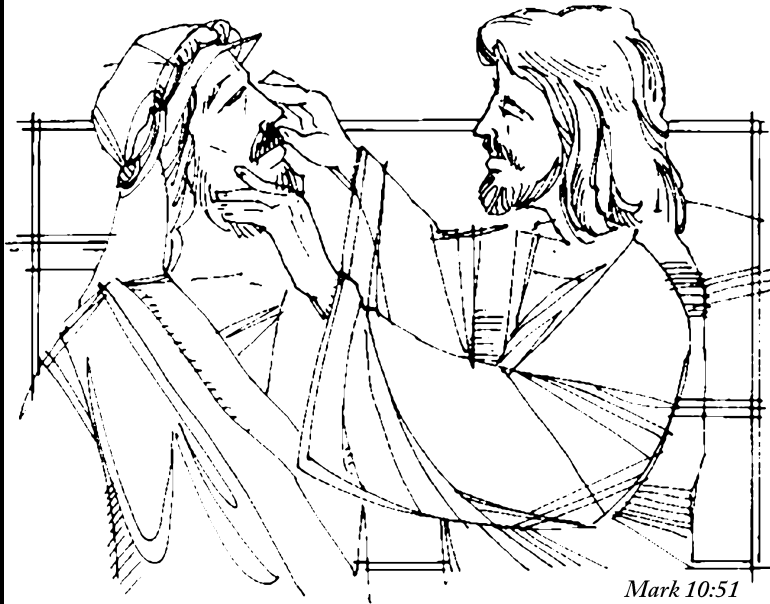


“What
do you want me
to do for you?”

Jesus asked him.



Mark 10:51

The blind man said,

“Rabbi,
I want to see.”

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.)
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 24, 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

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

L: I will bless the Lord at all times;

P: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

L: O magnify the Lord with me;

P: And may we exalt God's name together.

L: When we seek the Lord, God answers us;

P: God delivers us from our fears.

L: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

P: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

L: We will bless the Lord at all times;

P: We will worship God now and in every moment.

Prayer of Invocation

God, light to the blind and joy to the troubled,
accept our worship and our prayers.

Hold your son before us that we may recognize in him
the tenderness of your love, and walk in the way that leads towards you.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

Hymn No. 405 “PRAISE GOD FOR THIS HOLY GROUND”

*Praise God for this ho-ly ground, place and peo-ple, sight and sound.
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
God’s good-ness is e-ter-nal.*

*Praise God in whose word we find food for bod-y, soul, and mind.
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
God’s good-ness is e-ter-nal.*

*Praise God who through Christ makes known
all are loved and called God’s own.
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
God’s good-ness is e-ter-nal.*

*Praise God’s Spir-it who be-friends, rais-es, hum-bles, breaks, and mends.
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
God’s good-ness is e-ter-nal.*

*Though praise ends, praise is be-gun where God’s will is glad-ly done.
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
God’s good-ness is e-ter-nal.*

Call to Confession

Jesus Christ, our high priest, is holy, blameless, and undefiled.
However, we cannot say the same for ourselves.
Let us confess our shortcomings before God and one another.

Confession of Sin

**Merciful God, today we will journey with a story
about a person who would not take “no” for an answer.
When he was denied justice, he had faith in your goodness.
When he was told to shut up, he remained stubborn.
When he was marginalized, he trusted in Jesus’ power.**

**Forgive us for the moments when we have not had such courage.
Forgive us when we have failed to insist on justice,
especially when justice has been denied to those other than ourselves.
May we demand mercy in the midst of suffering.
Give us the faith to see clearly our calling,
to take heart, get up, and follow you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: Friends, take heart, get up, for Jesus is calling.
We have been forgiven of our sins
and are being called into a new creation.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

Sung Response No. 585

“GLORY TO GOD”

MACHU-PICHU

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!

Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!

Al-le-lu-ia, A-men!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

God of All Wisdom,

open our eyes that we may see clearly

the wisdom of the Word that is before us.

May our new sight lead us to get up and follow you. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Psalter Psalms 126

(*A Harvest of Joy*)

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Gospel Mark 10:46-52

(*The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus*)

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Sermon: Have Mercy!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

From the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

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

With generosity of spirit, let us bring our gifts to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of grace, accept these gifts from our hands,
which we cast upon the waters of your love,
a generous ever-flowing stream
feeding the hungry and helping those in need.

Accept these gifts for the work of your church. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

Hymn No. 475 *“COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”*

*Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing,
call for songs of loud-est praise.
Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net,
sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it,
mount of God's un-changing love!*

*Here I raise my Eb-e-ne-zer;
hith-er by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure,
safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
Je-sus sought me when a strang-er,
won-dering from the fold of God;
he, to res-cue me from dan-ger,
in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.

O to grace how great a debt-or
dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fet-ter,
bind my wan-dering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

* **Benediction** (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: Let us go to be God's blessings in the world.

P: **With our lips and with our hearts, we will offer hope to all.**

L: Let us go to be the ears and heart of Jesus.

P: **Listening to the cries of our sisters and brothers,
drawing them into the refuge of grace.**

L: Let us go with our arms full of the Spirit's gifts.

P: **Welcoming every one, every moment of our lives.**

* **Sung Response No. 540** "SHALOM, CHAVERIM!"

(FAREWELL, GOOD FRIENDS!)

Sha-lom, cha-ve-rim! Sha-lom, cha-ve-rot!

Sha-lom, sha-lom!

Le-hit-ra-ot, le-hit-ra-ot,

sha-lom, sha-lom.

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