



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.)
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 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 (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**P: The Lord God reigns forever, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Loving God, giver of all good gifts,
you have created us for life together,
and in Christ you have revealed to us
that the true riches of faith are good works,
generosity, and a desire to serve.

Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness,
godliness, and love
with perseverance and gentleness,
that we may take hold of the life that is really life,
and dwell with you eternally. Amen.

*God of grace and God of glo-ry,
on thy peo-ple pour thy power;
crown thine an-cient chur-ch's sto-ry;
bring its bud to glo-rious flower.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the fac-ing of this hour,
for the fac-ing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of e-vil round us
scorn thy Christ, as-sail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the liv-ing of these days,
for the liv-ing of these days.*

*Cure thy chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness;
bend our pride to thy con-trol;
shame our wan-ton, self-ish glad-ness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
lest we miss thy king-dom's goal,
lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.*

*Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion
to the e-vils we de-plore.
Let the gift of thy sal-va-tion
be our glo-ry ev-er-more.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
serv-ing thee whom we a-dore,
serv-ing thee whom we a-dore.*

* Call to Confession

If we call out in need, the Lord will answer.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor,
trusting in the Lord who sets prisoners free.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

We have sinned, O God,

**hoarding what we have, grasping for more,
and ignoring those who hunger and thirst.**

We stay with our own kind;

we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress.

Forgive us; purify us;

remake us, that we might love as you love. Amen.

* Sung Response No. 575 “**LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US**”

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us;

Christ have mer-cy up-on us;

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

* Assurance of Pardon

The Lord welcomes all

who return from the exile of greed and self-interest.

Be at peace,

for in Christ we find our way home again

where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.

* 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 ev-er shall be,

world with-out end. A-men, a-men.

THE WORD

Children’s Moment

Choral Anthem

**and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hear our prayer, O Lord, our refuge and fortress,
our God, in whom we trust:

For those who are under siege
from war or illness or any adversity—
give them faith and hope for the future you are preparing.

For those who live in fear
of terror in the night or destruction in the day—
be with them in trouble and satisfy them with long life.

For those who are hungry or oppressed,
those in prison, or burdened by heavy labor,
for the orphan, the widow, and the immigrant—
give them food and freedom, justice and joy,
watch over them and show them your welcome.

Merciful God, we offer you these prayers
in the confidence that you alone
have the grace to receive us and the power to deliver us;
through Jesus Christ, who has risen from the dead.

And now as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray together:

The Lord's Prayer (*sin / 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

We bring nothing into this world,
and when we depart from this life we will take nothing out of it.
All that we have is a gift from God;
therefore let us offer our lives to the Lord.

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

We give you thanks and praise, generous God,
for every good gift that comes from your hand:
for food and clothing, for life and health,
for family and friends,
above all for the treasure of your grace.
Make us rich in good works,
generous and ready to share,
taking hold of the life that really is life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 711

“LORD OF ALL GOOD”

TOULON

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your ho-ly pur-pose to ful-fil,
to-kens of love and pledg-es brought a-new,
that our whole life is of-fered to your will.*

*We give our minds to un-der-stand your ways;
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de-sign;
heart with the flame of your own love a-blaze,
till for your glo-ry all our powers com-bine.*

*Fa-ther, whose boun-ty all cre-a-tion shows;
Christ, by whose will-ing sac-ri-fice we live;
Spir-it, from whom all life in full-ness flows:
to you with grate-ful hearts our-selves we give.*

* Charge

Pursue righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, endurance, gentleness.
Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.

* Blessing

May the sovereign Lord bless you,
may the Christ of mercy keep you,
and the Holy Spirit sustain you,
in this life and the life to come.

* 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.*

TALLIS' CANON

* Postlude

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“God of Grace and God of Glory”

“Glory Be to the Father”

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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