

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Disability Inclusion Sunday
June 28, 2009 – 11:00 AM

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Corre, Rio, Corre (Run River Run)

by D. Lanz

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ, friend to all,

**People: Give us the grace and the love to stretch out our arms wide and embrace,
in your name, all those whom you love, especially those persons with disabilities.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, hope of all the nations,

**People: Help us to be a church that is welcoming and accepting,
and which sees in everyone an expression of you.**

Leader: Pour out your Spirit upon us, we pray,

**People: That we may recognize and promote the gifts of all people,
so that each of us may, in our own ways and with our own abilities,
participate in the mission of Jesus Christ.**

**All: Give us the courage to be lights of welcome in the darkness of exclusion,
a voice of gentleness in the wilderness of the unheard,
and an outstretched hand of love to those longing for community,
that we may welcome in Christ's name all who are sent our way. Amen**

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise # 487**

When Morning Guilds the Sky

Laudes Domini

***Call to Confession**

Like a nursing mother who cannot forget her child, like a father who welcomes the prodigal son home, so God cannot turn away from us. Though we come, week after week, admitting we have turned from God's ways and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, God is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Therefore, knowing we are beloved children of God, we can admit our failings before God and one another in order to be forgiven, receive new life, and begin again. Let us pray together first corporately and then personally and silently.

***Prayer of Confession**

God, it is with shame in our hearts that we confess how often we are so wrapped up in ourselves and our own needs that we completely ignore the needs of others and are not even aware of the pain they bear. Forgive us our thoughtless ways. Show us how to understand those near to us, to reach out to them and stand with them in their need; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom we are called to be a compassionate people...(silent and personal prayer...) Amen.

***Sung Response**

**Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

While we are a people with incomplete love, a people with selective compassion, Christ is always ready to take the fragments of our love and use them to make the world whole. Christ does not call us to be perfect in our love, only willing—willing to grow in love for God and others. The message of the gospel is that when we come to Christ with willing hearts, they are transformed into God’s heart. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri # 579**

GREATOREX

Special Music: Caleb Sherrod, Clarinet *Reverie*

by Debussy

THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 130

Gospel Lesson: Mark 5:1-17, 5:21-34

Sermon

We Are One in the Spirit

Rev. Pat Harvey

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Litany of Faith**

Insert

*** Hymn of Response**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT’S LEIGH

Introduction to Offering

Offertory

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Purifoy

***Doxology**

***Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

THE SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Blessing # 434 *Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

*Charge & Benediction

*Congregational Response # 540 **God be with you till we meet again;
Loving Counsels guide, uphold you.
With a Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

*Postlude

This Is My Father's World

arr. Purifoy

***Please stand if you are able**

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Celia Simon

Acolyte: Mike Skinner

Ushers: Carol Brown

Chelsea Richmond

Justin Trivette

Sound: Greg Murr

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for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



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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.