



**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.)**  
**Communion Sunday / 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 7, 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: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.

**P: Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name.**

L: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

**P: even as we hope in you.**

Prayer of Invocation

God of grace, who are we that you should care for us?

Yet you surprise us with grace, infuse us with hope,  
and teach us a better way.

Make us ever more faithful, and ever more grateful,  
as we watch for the coming of your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

\* Hymn No. 610 “O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING”

AZMON

*O for a thou-sand tongues to sing  
my dear Re-deem-er's praise,  
the glo-ries of my God and King,  
the tri-umphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Je-sus charms our fears,  
and bids our sor-rows cease,  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears,  
brings life, and health, and peace.*

*Christ speaks, and lis-tening to his voice,  
new life the dead re-ceive;  
the mourn-ful wak-en to re-joice;  
the poor in heart be-lieve.*

*My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God,  
as-sist me to pro-claim,  
to spread through all the earth a-broad  
the hon-ors of thy name.*

*To God all glo-ry, praise, and love  
be now and ev-er given  
by saints be-low and saints a-bove,  
the church in earth and heaven.*

\* Call to Confession

Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still  
and waits in mercy to forgive.

Trusting in the promises given at our baptism,  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,  
but we do not always believe.**

**You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.**

**You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.**

**You call us to watch at all times for you,  
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.**

**Forgive us.**

**Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,**

**and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.**

**For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

\* Sung Response No. 551 “LORD, HAVE MERCY”

LAND OF REST

*Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy;*

*Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.*

*Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy;*

*Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.*

\* Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news!

By faith we have been saved, our guilty hearts washed clean.

Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
to live as ones who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God.

\* Sung Response No. 583 “GLORY TO GOD”

GLORIA (Taizé)

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

*Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia*

THE WORD

Children’s Moment

Musical Interlude

“MORCEAU DE CONCOURS”

Gabriel Faure

## Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, by your Spirit enlighten us; illumine us; inspire us;  
not for our sakes, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom we live.  
Amen.

## Readings from Scripture

Torah	Genesis 15:1-6	<i>(God's Covenant with Abram)</i>	Pg. 11
Wisdom	Psalm 33:12-22	<i>(The Greatness and Goodness of God)</i>	Pg. 480
Gospel	Luke 12:32-40	<i>(Do Not Worry)</i>	Pg. 70

## 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.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### Call to Offering

In obedience to Christ and with love for our neighbors,  
let us bring our offerings to God.

#### 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

Generous God, you pour out blessing and cover us with gifts of love.  
Accept these offerings for the sake of your children,  
that they may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace.  
In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Jesus said:

Come to me, all you that are weary and heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Friends, this is the Lord’s table.

Our Savior invites all who trust him  
to share in the feast that he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord—we praise you for your love:  
bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust,  
leading captives into freedom, calling wandering children home,  
giving bread to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty,  
raising the dead to life.

We thank you, Lord, for Jesus:

Word made flesh, light of the world, living water, shepherd and gate,  
way and truth, bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection and life.

Spirit, come—come and live in us: in this bread, in this cup,  
in your people, one in the body, one in the blood; one with Christ,  
one in ministry, in this place and in every place; in this world,  
in the world to come.

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power,  
forever and ever.

As our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Lord's Prayer (*"sins ...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.**

Words of Institution

*(Breaking Bread)*

The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took bread,  
and after giving thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

*(Pouring Wine)*

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed with my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.  
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

#### Distribution of the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you. (*Everybody eats*)

The blood of Christ, given for you. (*Everybody drinks*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

#### Prayer after Communion

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

### THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 362

“REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS”

LLANGLOFFAN

*Re-joyce! Re-joyce, be-live-ers, and let your lights appear;  
the eve-ning is ad-vanc-ing, and dark-er night is near.  
The Bride-groom is a-ris-ing and soon he will draw nigh.  
Up, watch with ex-pec-ta-tion; at mid-night comes the cry.*

*See that your lamps are burn-ing; re-plen-ish them with oil;  
Look now for your sal-va-tion, the end of sin and toil.  
The mar-riage feast is wait-ing; the gates wide o-pen stand;  
a-rise, O heirs of glo-ry; the Bride-groom is at hand!*

*Our hope and ex-pec-ta-tion, O Je-sus, now ap-pear;  
a-rise, thou Sun so longed for, a-bove this shad-owed sphere!  
With hearts and hands up-lift-ed, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's re-demp-tion, and ev-er be with thee!*



\* Charge

Do not be afraid,  
for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

\* Blessing

May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you this day and every day  
until Christ comes to make all things well.

\* Sung Response No. 598 "AMEN SIAKUDUMISA"

*(AMEN, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME, O GOD)*

***A-men si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!***

***A-men si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!***

***A-men, ba-wo. A-men, ba-wo.***

***A-men si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!***

\* Postlude

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