



Be kind
to one
another.

EPHESIANS 4:32, ESV

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.)
19th Sunday in Ordinary Times
August 8, 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

"IT'S ME, O LORD"

arr. Betty Jackson King

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

L: Behold, God is doing a new thing.

P: Here. Now. In the midst of our routines.

L: The Holy One who created heaven and earth forms us afresh today.

P: Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Redeeming God, you satisfy our soul's hunger
through Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

Filled with your steadfast love, let us live in love,
working honestly to share with the needy,
feeding others with the bread of kindness,
tenderness, and forgiveness. Amen.

* Hymn No. 15 “ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING”

*All crea-tures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*O broth-er sun with gold-en beam,
O sis-ter moon with sil-ver gleam,
sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*O broth-er wind with clouds and rain,
you nur-ture gifts of fruit and grain.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear,
make mu-sic for your Lord to hear.
Sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*O broth-er fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shad-ows of the night.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*Dear moth-er earth, who day by day
un-folds such bless-ings on our way,
sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*All who for love of God for-give,
all who in pain or sor-row grieve,
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears;
so, e-ven in the midst of tears,
sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

* Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the One who hears our voice
and is deeply moved by our distress.

* Prayer of Confession

**God of peace, we have rejected your redemption
and forged our own way.**

We hang between heaven and earth, caught up in our own folly.

We have held fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves.

We have sinned against you and done violence to others.

**Bitterness and wrath, anger and wrangling,
slander and malice consume us.**

Evil runs rampant in our hearts.

If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered.

Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us

so that we may begin anew, a new day with you.

...(silent and personal confession) 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 Forgiveness

People of God, hope in the Lord!

God in Christ has forgiven you!

God has redeemed us from all our iniquities

through Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us
as living bread for the life of the world.

* Sung Response 591 “**HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJA**”

*Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal-le-lu-ja!
Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal-le-lu-ja!
Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal-le-lu-ja!
Hal-le-lu-ya! Hal-le-lu-ya!*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

God of daybreak, our souls wait for your light
more than those who watch for the morning.

Let your Holy Spirit illumine our hearts with the light of your redemption,
a new day, a new life in Christ. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Wisdom	Psalm 130	(<i>Waiting for Devine Redemption</i>)	Pg. 542
Gospel	John 6:35, 41-51	(<i>The Bread from Heaven</i>)	Pg. 92
Epistle	Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2	(<i>Rules for the New Life</i>)	Pg. 182

Sermon

“Formed in Love”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' 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 life everlasting. Amen.

* Hymn No. 733

“WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION”

*We all are one in mis-sion; we all are one in call,
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.*

*A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to plan and work to-geth-er that all may know Christ's love.*

*We all are called for ser-vice to witness in God's name.
Our min-is-tries are dif-ferent; our pur-pose is the same:
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,
so ev-ery folk and na-tion may feel God's warm em-brace.*

*Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing word.
We all are one in mis-sion; we all are one in call,
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*With the words "We wait for you, Lord"
you are invited to respond "in your word we hope."*

Let us pray for the needs of the world God so loves, saying,
We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

Attentive God, we lift our voice to you.

Drawn by your steadfast love and confident in your great power to redeem,
we pray for the church, those in need, and all your creation.

We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

Bless your church to extend mercy to the outcast,
kindness to the stranger, and forgiveness to the erring.

We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

Redeem your creation from the wilderness of sin and death
to the flourishing of righteousness and life.

We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

Restore justice with mercy and truth with trust
in our nations and neighborhoods.

We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

Raise up those who cry from the depths
of poverty, oppression, illness, and despair.

We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

Help us to put away bitterness and wrath, anger and slander,
and be kind to one another, living in love as you have loved us.

We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

Let your love embrace those we now remember aloud and in our hearts.

We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

Thank you for our ancestors, who ate your living bread and live forever.

We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

Nourishing God, to you we commit our prayers through Christ,
the bread of life. Amen.

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

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.
As beloved children, let us be imitators of God,
presenting our gifts as a fragrant offering and sacrifice,
through Christ our Lord.

Offertory

“MEDITATION”

* Hymn No. 606 **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** OLD 100TH

*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, transforming God, thank you for the blessing of honest labor,
through which you have provided these gifts
for our hands to share with those in need.
We dedicate them now as an expression of your love for the world,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 542 “GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN”

*God be with you till we meet a-gain;
lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
with a shep-herd’s care en-fold you:
God be with you till we meet a-gain.*

*God be with you till we meet a-gain;
un-seen wings pro-TECT-ing hide you,
dai-ly man-na still pro-VIDE you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet a-gain;
when life’s per-ils thick con-found you,
put un-fail-ing arms a-round you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet a-gain;
keep love’s ban-ner float-ing o’er you;
smite death’s threat’ening wave be-fore you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

* Benediction

Share your bread with the poor, advocate for the afflicted,
show your faith in acts of kindness, love your neighbor as yourself.

* Sung Response No. 432 “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

“ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING”

arr. Hayes

MUSIC

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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