



*I came to bring  
fire to the earth...*

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LUKE 12:49, NRSV

**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.)**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 14, 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: God gives justice to the weak and the orphan;

**P: God rescues the weak and the needy.**

L: Blessed be the one, holy and living God,

**P: now and forever.**

Prayer of Invocation

Faithful God,

you have blessed us with the inheritance of grace  
that we might live as people of justice, righteousness, and peace.

Stir in us your power

and fill us with the love of Christ, strong and true,  
that we may be always eager to serve your promised reign of peace.

Amen.

*Lead on, O King e-ter-nal!  
The day of march has come;  
hence-forth in fields of con-quest  
your tents shall be our home.  
Through days of prep-a-ra-tion  
your grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King e-ter-nal,  
we lift our bat-tle song.*

*Lead on, O King e-ter-nal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and ho-li-ness shall whis-per  
the sweet a-men of peace;  
for not with swords' loud clash-ing,  
nor roll of stir-ring drums;  
with deeds of love and mer-cy  
the heaven-ly king-dom comes.*

*Lead on, O King e-ter-nal:  
we fol-low, not with fears,  
for glad-ness breaks like morn-ing  
wher-e'er your face ap-pears;  
your cross is lift-ed o'er us;  
we jour-ney in its light.  
The crown a-waits the con-quest;  
lead on, O God of might!*

\* Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins,  
for God is gracious and strong to save.

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God of goodness and truth,  
we have failed to seek after your wisdom  
and have followed paths that have led away from you.  
Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth,  
that we may live in the fullness of life  
as you intend through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

SINGAPURA

*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.*

\* Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, your sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just.  
Therefore, be reconciled to the Lord and to one another,  
walking in the light of Christ.

\* 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

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

Holy God, your Word is like fire.

By the power of your Spirit, illumine our sight  
and enflame our hearts,

that we may live lives more faithful to your will. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Prophet	Jeremiah 23:23-29	<i>(Restoration after Exile)</i>	Pg. 682
Wisdom	Psalm 82	<i>(A Plea for Justice)</i>	Pg. 512
Gospel	Luke 12:49-56	<i>(Jesus the Cause of Division)</i>	Pg. 71

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- \* Affirmation of Faith Hymnal pg. 37, Sections 1 & 2  
*Taken from The Brief Statement of Faith, 1991,*  
*The Book of Confessions, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain**

**and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

God of mercy,  
throughout the ages you have led us through trial and hardship,  
providing all our needs and speaking words of promise.

Confident of your faithfulness,  
we bring to you our prayers for the world.

We pray for the mission of your church,  
that it may plant and grow faithful people to serve others in love.

We pray for the world,  
that all might tend to your justice and watch for your coming reign.

We pray for all who suffer,  
that our care for them may reveal your healing.

We pray for your creation,  
that we may cultivate its flourishing.

We remember before you those who have died  
and pray for those who will die today,  
that they may rest in light divine.

Through Christ, with Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
forever and ever. Amen.

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

**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

Our God, who is faithful, blesses us with an abundance of gifts.  
In gratitude, let us offer all that we have and all that we are  
for the love of Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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

God of the ages,  
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we faithfully add our gifts  
to those who have gone before us throughout the generations.  
Bless these gifts that they may yield an increase  
for the spreading of your love in the world. Amen.

## THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 100 “MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT”

*(Canticle of the Turning)*

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*My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spir-it sings of the won-drous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your ser-vant's plight,  
and my weak-ness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be a-bout to turn?*

*(Refrain)*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.  
Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is a-bout to turn.*

*Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mer-cy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.*

*Your ver-y name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is a-bout to turn.*

*(Refrain)*

*From the halls of power to the for-tress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king be-ware for your jus-tice tears  
ev-ery ty-rant from his throne.*



*The hun-gry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can nev-er earn;  
there are ta-bles spread; ev-ery mouth be fed,  
for the world is a-bout to turn.*

*(Refrain)*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.  
Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is a-bout to turn.*

*Though the na-tions rage from age to age,  
we re-mem-ber who holds us fast:  
God's mer-cy must de-liv-er us  
from the con-quer-or's crush-ing grasp.  
This sav-ing word that our fore-bears heard  
is the prom-ise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turn-ing the world a-round.*

*(Refrain)*

\* Charge

Christ walked in perfect faith  
that we might follow in the way of peace.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

\* Blessing

May Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
grant you the perseverance and courage  
to follow him in all justice, righteousness, and peace.

\* Sung Response No. 598 **“WE PRAISE YOUR NAME, O GOD)”**

(*“AMEN SIAKUDUMISA ”*)

*A-men, we praise your name, O God!*

*A-men, we praise your name, O God!*

*A-men, a-men. A-men, a-men.*

*A-men, we praise your name, O God!*

\* Postlude

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