

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.) 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 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 is our rock and our fortress,

P: our refuge and strength.

L: God is our hope and our trust.

P: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

God of healing and reconciliation,

you free us from our burdens

and promise us safety and refuge.

Help us to trust in your power, that we may praise you without qualification and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Now Thank WE All Our God"

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic-es, who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re-joic-es; who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us, with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed, and free us from all ills in this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav-en, to Fa-ther and to Son and Spir-it now be giv-en: the one e-ter-nal God, whom heaven and earth a-dore, the God who was, and is, and shall be ev-er-more. * Call to Confession

Our God is compassionate and merciful, knowing us with an intimacy we cannot comprehend. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God.

This gives us confidence, to be fully ourselves, that we can be fully forgiven.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time.

You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving.

But we forget, and yield to fear.

We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises.

We confess that we are a divided people;

we foster separations and widen rifts

in our families, our communities, and in the world.

Open us to your healing.

Free us from all that distances us from your presence.

Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. 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

Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. Give thanks that we have been known and forgiven, set free to live the resurrected life of faith.

* Sung Response No. 583 "GLORY TO GOD" 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

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves.

By your word, give us wisdom,

by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love.

We ask this through the One who heals in your name,

Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

ProphetJeremiah 1:4-10 (Jeremiah's Call and Commission)Pg. 656WisdomPsalm 71:1-6 (Prayer for Lifelong Protection and Help)Pg. 503GospelLuke 13:10-17 (Jesus heals a Crippled Woman)Pg. 71

Sermon

GLORIA (Taizé)

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

With the words "God of mercy" You are invited to respond "Hear our prayer."

Let us pray to our sovereign, saying, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,

you invite us to honor and reverence your name through acts of praise and thanksgiving.Hear us as we articulate the concerns of our lives, our community, and the world.God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your holy church. Make us humble in our service and generous with our invitations to the outcast. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the needs of the world. Spur leaders to forgo the honor and privileges of power and to address the concerns of the poor. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our community who are burdened by suffering: the sick, those in need, and all who seek a deeper knowledge of you. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed.

We rejoice that they have returned to the place of their consecration and rejoice in the company of the saints.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

God of grace and compassion, you honor those in our world who do not seek tribute or respect. Help us to expand our vision, that we might release our need for privilege and instead seek the honor of your service. We ask this through the mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Hymnal pg. 35

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 Mindful of the generosity of God and the awareness that all we have has been given,

let us respond with the offerings of our lives and labor.

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 Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you. Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 79

"LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD"

Light dawns on a wea-ry world when eyes be-gin to see all peo-ple's dig-ni-ty. Light dawn on a wea-ry world: the prom-ised day to jus-tice comes.

(Refrain)

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing-ing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echos sha-lom.

> Love grows in a wea-ry world when hun-gry hearts find bread and chil-dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a wea-ry world; the prom-ised feast of plen-ty comes.

> > (Refrain)

Hope blooms in a wea-ry world when crea-tures once for-lorn, find wil-der-ness re-born. Hope blooms in a wea-ry world: the promised green of E-den comes.

(Refrain)

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing-ing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echos sha-lom.

* Charge

Go forth into the world rejoicing, sure of the healing God offers. Share the good news with all,

seeking those who feel unknown and forgotten.

Be strengthened in your faith,

and trust in the kingdom that cannot be shaken.

* Blessing

May the blessing of God, like a mother's love, sustain you; may the peace of God, like a strong castle, protect you; may the hope of God, like a consuming fire, enlighten you, this day and forevermore.

* 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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