



When
you give a feast,
invite the poor, the crippled,
the lame, the blind,
and you will be blessed.

Luke 14:13-14, 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.)
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28, 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 calls us to service,

P: rather than honor.

L: God calls us to love the unknown

P: rather than the familiar.

L: We come to this time of worship,

P: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

L: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise.

Open our eyes to see the world as you see it.

Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people.

Transform us in love, grow us in our faith,

call us to love with a full heart

and to share your promises with all people. Amen.

* Hymn No. 401 “HERE IN THIS PLACE (GATHER US IN)”

*Here in this place new light is stream-ing;
now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way;
see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en;
gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.*

*Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty;
gath-er us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing,
not in some heav-en, light years a-way:
here in this place the new light is shin-ing;
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.*

*Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and make us your own;
gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

* Call to Confession

God invites us to mutual love.

But to find that mutuality, we must release our need for honor,
our desire for privilege.

In humility let us seek forgiveness,
trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves
and mock the humble.**

**We choose to believe we are self-sufficient
rather than trust in your strength.**

**Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people
without regard to the outcome,
devoting ourselves to your honor alone.**

We pray in Jesus' name. 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

God rejoices when we repent and return,
offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock
to sustain us in new life.

Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and to one another.
With joy, seek the honor of God's service. Amen.

* 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

God of Wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit,
that we may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Prophet	Jeremiah 2:4-13	<i>(God Pleads with Israel to Repent)</i>	Pg. 657
Wisdom	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	<i>(God's Appeal to Stubborn Israel)</i>	Pg. 512
Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14	<i>(Humility and Hospitality)</i>	Pg. 72

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

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

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

Gracious God,
you call us to relinquish the cares and concerns of our lives to you,
so that we might serve you in perfect freedom.

Hear us as we bring before you
the petitions of our hearts and minds.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers for the universal church.
May our words and actions bring honor to your name
and teach us true humility.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers for the needs of the world.
May peace pervade in all places of conflict and violence.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers for those who suffer
from sickness of mind, body, or spirit
and all those who care for them.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died,
who now worship in the presence of Christ,
and those who will die today.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,
you call us to follow you with faithfulness,
even when it challenges our relationships
and the values of our culture.

Help us to release our fears, nurture us in your ways,
and sustain us as we seek your peace.

We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer (*sin / sin against us*)

Hymnal pg. 35

**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

God gives us more grace than we can ever earn
and sustains us in ways we cannot imagine.

With a spirit of generosity,
let us freely offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

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 grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us,
we give thanks for your hope in us,
we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace.
In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love,
we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 301 **“LET US BUILD A HOUSE / ALL ARE WELCOME”**

*Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safe-ly live,
a place where saints and chil-dren tell
how hearts learn to for-give.
Built of hopes and dreams and vi-sions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end di-vi-sions:
all are wel-come; all are wel-come;
all are wel-come in this place.*

*Let us build a house where proph-ets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's chil-dren dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as wit-ness
and as sym-bol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Je-sus:
all are wel-come; all are wel-come;
all are wel-come in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found
in wa-ter, wine and wheat;
a ban-quet hall on ho-ly ground,
where peace and jus-tice meet.
Here the love of God, through Je-sus,
is re-vealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are wel-come; all are wel-come;
all are wel-come in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach
be-yond the wood and stone
to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the out-cast and the strang-er
bear the im-age of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and dan-ger:
all are wel-come; all are wel-come;
all are wel-come in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and vi-sions heard
and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed
as words with-in the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laugh-ter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house pro-claim from floor to raf-ter:
all are wel-come; all are wel-come;
all are wel-come in this place.*

* Charge

God graces us with abundance and inspires us to be generous.
Now, go into the world, confident in the Lord's provision,
seeking those who are the stranger
and providing for those who cannot repay you. Amen.

* Blessing

May the God of mystery take you to unexpected places,
may the God of humility teach you to serve without pride,
may the God of wisdom inspire your work in the kingdom;
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
be with you now and always.

* 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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