

# Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

~ a community of faith coming together,  
for fellowship, study and service . . .  
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



**William Hogarth (English) "The Sleeping Congregation"** (detail, etching and engraving)  
Published in 1736. From the copy at the Art Institute of Chicago, available online.

Guest Minister: The Reverend Dr. Dwyn Mounger

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pianist: Judy Yeaworth

Sound: Adam Badger

Video: Jake Horton

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## **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.)  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 13, 2022 - 11:00 AM**

*\* Indicates congregation standing if able. Parents with infants may remain seated.  
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*)

Liturgist

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us worship God. Your Word, O LORD, is a lamp to my feet

**P: and a light to my path.**

L: Is not my Word like fire, says the LORD.

**P: and like a hammer that breaks a rock to pieces?**

L: O praise the LORD with me.

**All: Let us exalt God's name together.**

Prayer of Invocation

Liturgist

Let us pray:

O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit  
cause our minds to discern your leading;  
our ears to hear your voice;  
and our hearts to know your boundless love to us  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*God is here! As we your peo-ple  
meet to of-fer praise and prayer,  
may we find in full-er mea-sure  
what it is in Christ we share.*

*Here, as in the world a-round us,  
all our var-ied skills and arts  
wait the com-ing of the Spir-it  
in-to o-pen minds and hearts.*

*Here are sym-bols to re-mind us  
of our life-long need of grace;  
here are ta-ble, font, and pul-pit;  
here the cross has cen-tral place.  
Here in hon-es-ty of preach-ing,  
here in si-lence, as in speech,  
here, in new-ness and re-new-al,  
God the Spir-it comes to each.*

*Here our chil-dren find a wel-come  
in the Shep-herd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are tak-en,  
Christ sus-tains us as of old.  
Here the ser-vants of the Ser-vant  
seek in wor-ship to ex-plore  
what it means in dai-ly liv-ing  
to be-lieve and to a-dore.*

*Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel; help us work your pur-pose out.*

*Here, in this day's ded-i-ca-tion, all we have to give, re-ceive:  
we, who can-not live with-out you, we a-dore you! We be-lieve.*

\* Call to Confession

Liturgist

Holy Scripture declares,

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Therefore let us bow in humble confession of our sins.

\* Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

**Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.**

**Yet our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. So often we have failed to pursue both stronger faith in you and greater witness to others.**

**But you are merciful, slow to turn on us the anger that we justly deserve, for you cherish us as children. Through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Savior, in your tenderness, forgive and make us whole.**

\* Sung Response No. 551 "LORD, HAVE MERCY"

LAND OF REST

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

by Dr. Dwyn Mounger

Friends, hear the good news of Holy Scripture!

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love. . . .

God does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord, in Christ,  
removed our transgressions from us.”

**All: Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share God’s peace with your neighbors in some way.)*

\* Sung Response No. 587

“**ALLELUIA!**”

CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

O God, you are our strength and our redeemer.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts

be acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Isaiah 2:3-5 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Liturgist

Many peoples shall come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

\* Hymn No. 386                    **“COME, WORSHIP GOD”** (PSALM 95) O QUANTA QUALIA  
*(Please remain seated as we sing God’s Word)*

***Come, wor-ship God, who is wor-thy of hon-or;  
en-ter God’s pres-ence with thanks and a song!  
You are the rock of your peo-ple’s sal-va-tion,  
to whom our ju-bi-lant prais-es be-long.***

***Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun-tains;  
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.  
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
God a-bove all gods, who gave us our birth.***

***We are your peo-ple, the sheep of your pas-ture;  
you are our Mak-er, and to you we pray.  
Glad-ly we kneel in o-be-dience be-fore you;  
great is the one whom we wor-ship this day!***

***Now let us lis-ten, for you speak a-mong us;  
o-pen our hearts to re-ceive what you say.  
Peace be to all who re-mem-ber your good-ness,  
trust in your word, and re-joice in your way!***

Readings from Scripture

Acts 20:7-12 (N.R.S.V.)

Dr. Mounger

On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with [the Christians of Troas]; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight.

There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep **sleep** while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.”

Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “How NOT to Hear a Sermon” The Reverend Dr. Dwyn Mounger

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Apostle’s Creed (*Sung*) No. 481

GENEVAN

**“I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER”**

*I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, mer-ci-ful and might-y Lord,  
mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, whom we wor-ship and a-dore;  
and in Je-sus Christ the Son, on-ly Sav-ior, sov-ereign one,  
by the Ho-ly Spir-it giv-en, born of Mar-y, bless-ed vir-gin.*

*Un-der Pi-late, Je-sus suf-fered, faith-ful to his fi-nal breath.  
He was cru-ci-fied and bur-ied, and de-scend-ed in-to death.  
From the grave he did a-rise; he as-cend-ed through the skies;  
now en-throned with God in heav-en, he will judge the dead and liv-ing.*

(*cont.*)

*I be-lieve in God the Spir-it, and the church in ev-ery place;  
Saints in glo-ri-ous com-mu-nion, all for-giv-en, full of grace;  
Flesh and blood will live a-gain; life in Christ will nev-er end.  
Ho-ly Spir-it, Son and Fa-ther: I will praise your name for-ev-er.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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

In gratitude to God for all the blessings showered upon us in love,  
let us offer now our gifts.

Offertory

“UBI CARITAS”

Victor C. Johnson

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

\* 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 heav-en-ly host;  
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.*



## Prayer of Dedication

God of great love and grace, receive these our gifts,  
and with them, our hearts and lives,  
using them and us, by your Holy Spirit,  
in the coming of your promised realm of eternal peace and joy  
through Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## THE SENDING FORTH

\* Hymn No. 298 “**LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION**” ABBOT’S LEIGH

*Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion:  
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion,  
and the gos-pel go un-heard,  
help us wit-ness to your pur-pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty:  
with the Spir-it’s gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.*

*Lord, you call us to your ser-vice:  
“In my name bap-tize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your prom-ise,  
life a-bun-dant meant for each,  
give us all new fer-vor, draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty:  
with the Spir-it’s gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.*

*Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly:  
“This, my bod-y; this, my blood.”  
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,  
dai-ly lift life heav-en-ward,  
ask-ing that the world a-round us share your chil-dren’s lib-er-ty:  
with the Spir-it’s gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.*

(cont.)

*Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure:  
"Fa-ther, what they do, for-give."  
Yet we hoard as pri-vate trea-sure  
all that you so free-ly give.  
May your care and mer-cy lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty:  
with the Spir-it's gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.*

*Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing,  
may we serve as you in-tend,  
and, a-mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty:  
with the Spir-it's gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.*

\* Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage.  
Hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering.  
Honor all people.  
Love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God the Father,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

\* Postlude



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A later (19th-century) view of  
a sleeping congregation